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SUBMISSION TO CALLINAN REVIEW (LIQUOR LAW REVIEW)

RE LOCKOUT LAWS

My name is Mary White Davidge. I purchased my apartment in The Hampton in Bayswater Road, Kings Cross, 3 years ago and have lived here ever since.

When I first purchased my apartment, there were no lockout laws. The lockout laws have improved greatly and made a lot of difference to my life and wellbeing.

For instance, when I first moved into my apartment I was kept awake from 10 pm to almost sunup. I am now only kept awake from 10 pm to 1.30 pm – AND THEN AGAIN FROM 3 AM TO SUNUP.

I have never understood why the lockout commenced at 1 am-ish when all the revellers had to stay in whatever bar they were in from that time until 3 am, when the noise starts all over again.

The lockout laws have made a great difference to the Kings Cross area. There is less yelling, screaming and swearing altogether. And less violence. And less rubbish on the streets.

Potts Point/Kings Cross is now a truly residential area and seems to be cleaning up its act. Since The Hampton was completed and occupied. The Manor has been completed and occupied, and recently apartments were listed for sale nearby in a new building called, I think, Opius (?) on the main street (the apartments will be completed in about 18 months from now; maybe 2 years). Exciting new food outlets and restaurants have been opened in the area; particularly along Bayswater, with a new Greek Café, an Italian Eatery, Acme, The Farmhouse, Nail Shop, Health Food Shops, a Japanese Restaurant, etc. Other apartments are planned along the main “drag” by converting old buildings into residential apartments.

I no longer feel unsafe returning home at night to my apartment.

I just don't understand why the bars and clubs can't close at, say, 2 am, when the party goers can all go home. Let them go from bar to bar until that time. It is also not Kings Cross or Potts Point residents who are out on the streets until all hours of the night and early morning – it is revellers (who are drunk by the time they arrive) coming in from the west, south and other districts by train, bus and other transport modes. They pour into The Cross in droves each night, particularly on weekends, and they screech and scream and swear all night. They leave loads of rubbish all over the streets and when I leave my apartment building early in the morning, there are pie bags and parts of pies, bits of pizza and pizza “trays”, empty and broken bottles, soft drink cans, soft drink, cigarette butts and packs and other plastic items left not only on the street, but on the stairway to my apartment building.

My feeling is that all clubs and bars – if we want Sydney to be known as an all night entertainment city – should be situated in the city, where there are no residents trying to live normal lives and enjoy a night's sleep before going to work 5 or 6 days a week. Also if this was done, the police would only have to patrol one concentrated area. All night bars and hotels are not suited to residential

areas. I believe that not enough thought went into the lockout laws. Why imprison party goers in one single bar from 1.30 am to 3 am and then let them loose on the streets. Let them get out of this residential area at 2 am. It would also save a lot of money for the transport system.

Let Potts Point/Kings Cross become what I have always thought it should become – THE PARIS OF THE EAST OF AUSTRALIA. It is the perfect place for restaurants, cafes, offices, retail shops, the weekend markets and small cocktail bars, like The Roosevelt to operate. The Kings Cross community is a close-knit community and as a senior citizen I feel safe on the streets at any time of the day and/or night, EXCEPT WHEN OUTSIDERS COME TO GET DRUNK, TAKE THEIR DRUGS AND – YES – SCREAM AND YELL AND FIGHT. My guess would be that none of the cowardly one hit assaults has been carried out by a resident of The Cross. They are either in bed asleep, or the drug addicts are too out of it to even contemplate raising an arm.

I am totally against having all night bars and hotels in the residential area of Kings Cross. Most revellers would be drunk enough by 2 am-ish, when they should be let to go home and drink and wreck their own homes and suburbs

Yes, I am really cross that it is even contemplated that the old laws might come back to this beautiful area.

Thank you for giving us residents the opportunity to submit our submissions to the Liquor Law Review.


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HELP US SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Dear Resident,

Residents have told us there have been reductions in noise levels and improvements in feelings of safety and street cleanliness since the Lockout Laws began. We are writing to ask you to help us ensure that these laws are retained for the future.

The NSW government 'Lock Out' measures include no entry after 1.30am and last drink service at 3.00am for venues in the Kings Cross precinct. The legislation introduced in February 2014 required that these provisions be reviewed at the end of two years and this is now occurring.

Former High Court judge, Justice Callinan, will head this review and report to the government in August 2016. This has been called the 'Callinan Review'.

Substantial publicity has been generated by those opposing the Lockout Laws. If you wish to retain the benefit of the Lockout Laws, it is important you make a submission to the Callinan Review.

Please submit your personal story telling what it was like for you living in Kings Cross before February 2014 and how things have changed since the Lockout laws were introduced. Importantly, express your support for the retention of the Lockout Laws. You may send your submission by postal mail to:

**Liquor Law Review
GPO Box 7060
Sydney NSW 2001**

Or by email to:

liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au

Submissions must be lodged by **4 April 2016**,

Further information on the review is available at:
<http://www.justice.nsw.gov.au/liquorlawreview>

Regards



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