

Absurd & Unwanted

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How are up and coming artists, producers, DJs, musicians, bands, performers, sound engineers, and a multitude of other people supposed to think with these laws?

These laws aren't aimed at trying to keep the streets safe, they are aimed at trying to make the most money for the established businesses that will profit from these laws - namely the casinos. I understand that you think this is the best way to "save lives" as you may put it, but introducing these laws but what you have really done is cost the thousands of potential people in positions that I mentioned jobs - careers - and frankly their own "lives".

This is not the right way to do it. You think you are doing it the right way to try to revoke violence, but there will always be violence where there will always be people and alcohol. You may as well banned bloody alcohol in it's entirety and sentenced the entire city to a curfew of midnight or something. These laws are ridiculous, absurd and unwanted. Yes, it is important to treasure the memories and lives of those "one punch" victims, but this is not the way to do it. It really is NOT the way to do it.

Sydney needs to take a leaf out of the system that Melbourne has provided. With their extra public transportation running throughout the city & their extra law enforcement, they are vibrant and have created a brilliant nightlife without destroying all reason. What you have effectively done with these laws is not only virtually ruin the chance for the potential careers of thousands of artists, bands and the like who would have played during these times that you have set the lockout laws, but you have condemned Sydney to be a ghost town.

Don't you understand what you have done?! You have made Sydney a place NO ONE WANTS TO GO TO ANYMORE. You have destroyed any chance of Sydney maintaining it's status as a global party destination by these laws. AND YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO TRY TO DO THE SAME FOR BRISBANE?! Are you kidding me?!

These lockout laws are irrelevant and useless. You have SO MUCH NERVE to install these lockout laws claiming that they benefit everyone. Its infuriating that these laws which govern our nightlife are being made by old, irrelevant people whose lives are basically completely UNAFFECTED by these laws. The government, the people who have made these idiotic decisions, you don't go out clubbing, you don't go out and socialise with your friends, you don't go out to drink or to dance, you have absolutely no reason to start changing the laws claiming that they "suit everyone" when in reality they don't suit anyone at all.

I read a few weeks ago that the family of the one punch victims, one in particular, the dad, said that these laws were not the way to go about it. Yes, we should all respect the dangers that can occur when you bring alcohol together, but its the same dangers that would occur anywhere! Deciding to change the entirety of Sydney's nightlife by what has happened is one of the most idiotic decisions to have ever been made by the people who think they can run this country. How the hell do you think we as Australians, the young Australians, the ones who are actually AFFECTED by these laws, HOW THE HELL DO YOU THINK WE FEEL?!?!? You have cost all of us potential jobs, careers, and our way of life. We go out and we socialise with friends, we as DJs, producers, artists, you have cost us potentially our careers by these laws! You have cost us gigs. You have cost us slots, money, our way of surviving and trying to make it in this world. You have cost bartenders, and kitchen hands and various other hospitality sectors their jobs, their hours, all in what you think is right.

This, as i repeat again, is NOT the way to handle the "one punch" victims deaths. Honestly I think they would be ashamed if they were with us today and they knew that their deaths would have had this effect. They were young, vibrant people who WERE A PART of Sydney's nightlife. They wouldn't have wanted these things to happen either!

These are not the right ways to go about it. Instead of drastically changing so much in Sydney with these laws, you should be educating people on the dangers of violence in as many ways as you can think of! You have done a bit, but not nearly as much as you are able, you merely have done enough to suit yourselves. Change up the system, bring back better, more frequent public transport, introduce more security and policemen during these nights and you will see a difference.

There will always be violence, that you can't stop. BUT, if you educate those and you provide ways for violence to be avoided then you will start to see the changes that we as a society can make. You can't do anything about those bastards who want to be violent wherever they are, you can't do anything about that. BUT PUNISHING THE REST OF US who actually abide by being safe and just having a good night out, what are you trying to achieve?!?!

Honestly, I think theres a chance there will be no coming back from these laws, not at least until Mike Baird and the rest of the useless government who think the same is gone from any leadership positions in which they could actually change anything.

Well done Mike Baird and team. Through your idiotic beliefs in thinking you are saving lives, you have actually destroyed more.

You will always be remembered as the guy who destroyed Sydney as one of the top cultural/music destinations on the planet.