

Submission to the review of alcohol

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I lived in CBD Sydney near Hyde Park, Oxford Street for years, before the lockouts. I avoided going out at night up Oxford Street or that direction after about 9pm or so. There were a lot of ok people, but there were a lot of aggro people too, I felt intimidated by an undercurrent of aggro stares and half-movements, and potential for violence if I had to go to the shop or whatever. I'm not a wuss but I am streetwise and I can smell a bad scene when I'm near one and that was a bad scene.

In Newcastle, I've been an inner city resident both before and after the lockouts. Before, out my window continually, every weekend and random nights of the week, smashing bottles, fights, yelling, smashing car windows, alarms going off... After, much, much better, the odd yelling but absolutely incredible improvement as compared with before the lockouts.

I've lived in Paris, in the good bits it's a totally excellent vibe. We can't seem to behave in the same way, so we need to be guided, hopefully to develop more Parisienne-like social interaction patterns.

I think the lockouts need to continue. Less damage, less expense, they can have a good time without the drunken aggro.

Regards,

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Community supporter