

# Freedom of Choice

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Hi Liquor Law Review,

I am just a normal citizen, 38 years old, female, mother of a gorgeous little boy and wife of my best friend. I grew up in Bronte and enjoyed my youth in Sydney being able to go out. I come from a great family and I believe strongly that the lockouts need to stop.

I travelled throughout Europe and the US, living in Europe for 10 years during my 20's. I know from experience that restrictive laws are not what curbs drinking problems. This is a bigger social issue and the countries with the biggest concerns are where there are the most restrictions, ie: the UK, US and Australia.

Most of my time in Europe was spent living in France and Spain. Both let their citizens decide and they have a lot less alcohol concerns that we do in Australia. There are many reasons why the lockouts will not help to keep us safe, although you have many statistics to try and counter this type of discussion, not looking to the reality on the ground, but stats that don't reflect reality.

But in the end the main reason to lift the lockout is **freedom of choice**. If I want to go to Kings Cross and enjoy a night out, that is my right. A lot of livelihoods and people also depend on this, and it is simply unfair to take it away. Bad things happen all the time, crossing the street, driving your car, and unfortunately there were some deaths in Kings Cross. But this should not mean that the greater society is no longer allowed the freedom of choice to attend these destinations, to drink etc. as a result of these incidents.

An amazing city also needs an amazing vibe and having the city/Kings Cross for Sydney is a real necessity to the identify and appeal of a global city.

Please stop the lockouts and give us back our freedom and our city.

Thanks, Mandy

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