

Lock Out Law Review

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To whom it may concern,

I work in Sydney as a production technician and audio engineer. I have worked in this profession and in this industry since leaving school and completing my degree.

Since these laws came into effect, it has destroyed job prospects for myself and many of my co workers. I have lost 3 full time jobs now due to venues I work at closing, as a direct result of these laws.

I have lived in Sydney my whole life and have always been proud to call it home, but as I watch more and more of my peers and co workers flock down to Melbourne or over seas simply as they cannot find work here, it becomes harder and harder to love this city and remain here myself.

These laws have decimated the industry, and statistics have shown there has been very little good come of it in exchange. The stats regarding a reduction in violence are flawed at best, and due to the incredible amount of damage that has come, alternatives need to be discussed. A few months before these laws came into place, our government was bragging that we were rated the safest city. Not just in the country, but IN THE WORLD. This can be seen in the link here:

<http://www.destinationnsw.com.au/news-and-media/media-releases/sydney-worlds-safest-and-friendliest-city>

Anyone getting hurt is an absolute tragedy, but we should be governed based on fact and common sense, not based on emotion and a moral panic. Not to mention the hypocrisy that is the most violent venue in NSW still being exempt...

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/star-casino-may-be-the-most-violent-venue-but-exempt-from-restrictions-20150420-1morb6.html>

I implore you to remove these laws and look at viable alternatives, so we can get back to making Sydney the international hub of music and culture it can be, and we can create a city to

truly be proud of.

Sincerely,

Sebastian