

# Alcohol & Clubbing isn't the problem, Domestic Violence is:

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Hi there,

I am not one to ever write in for anything like this, but this has had an impact on my life, my friends and the youth of Australia and more specifically Sydney.

I no longer live in Australia, having moved to the UK at the start of the year, and people constantly ask me about it over here as they have heard that Sydney has turned to shit. Unfortunately, I have to agree with them and let them know about the experiences I have encountered. I was lucky enough to enjoy 'the cross' when it was in it's peak, and it was basically a rite of passage for young adults.

To have that taken away not only effects those who want to go out and have a good time in the city, but also the tourists (who won't travel into the suburbs to visit a venue), the DJs, the promoters, the local businesses around the venues who sustained themselves off the nightlife and all of their families.

How can we not see that the issue isn't drinking. THE ISSUE IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. My friends and I have never felt the need to hit or assault anyone, no matter how drunk we were. And do you know why that is? Because we are NOT VIOLENT BY NATURE. I've never had a fight sober so I don't intend on having one drunk. Those who engage in DRUNKEN VIOLENCE, I can almost stake my life on it, have involved themselves in SOBER VIOLENCE because THEY ARE VIOLENT BY NATURE.

You only need to look at the domestic violence statistics relating to women and children, and I don't even know how many men are effected by domestic violence either, but the numbers are alarming. Then, add alcohol to the minds of those already violent, and you won't get a good outcome. Rather than investing money into studies that are not even accurate and compared to totally different studies, we should be investing money into tackling domestic violence, as that is where the issue lies.

It is so sad to experience first hand, and continue to see, the impact that these laws have had on my city, reaching countries around the world, and putting off many young adults from

visiting and experiencing the lack of nightlife, which used to be world renowned.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson has just launched an investigation into how they can SAVE London's nightlife as they feel they are not doing enough! People drink in public here, take glasses out of the pub, ARE SERVED IN GLASSES and I feel 10x more safe walking the streets of London in the wee hours of the morning than I ever did in Sydney.

Please listen to the thousands and thousands of people who are pleading for these lockouts to be reviewed and lifted. And please invest in the real issue that does not effect just Sydney, but all of Australia - Domestic Violence.

Thank you and I hope you have taken the time to read this.

Kind regards,  
Krystal Dykes

PS. Of course violence rates are going to drop when the number of people going out drops. Number of patrons decreasing means an overall decrease of most issues in general.