

Sydney lock out laws independant review

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Good afternoon,

I have lived in the western suburbs of Sydney all my life. As a child my Grandfather, a World War II veteran, would take me into the city and show me around all the rich cultural history the city beholds. My mother would indulge my love for the city every now and then by treating us and my little sister to a nights staying in the city amongst the vibrant nightlife, this attributed much to my strong love of the city's nightlife.

When I turned 18 I had the fantastic experience of visiting the renowned Kings Cross, much to my surprise it was not as dangerous as I had the impression of from the media and people a lot older that probably visited when it was dangerous back in the day. It was one of the best nights of my life, however we were dumbfounded when we realised that they close Kings Cross station after hours. We also realised there was not one police officer or position of authority was patrolling the streets whilst we were there.

I visit the city now after the lockout laws and it is such a draining experience. Many of the happy and vibrant places I visited on my city explorations are now closed, and I now feel as though myself and my friends are no longer safe on the streets especially because the violence the lockout laws promised to stop still occurs, except now were at a higher risk of encountering it. I understand that something needed to be done and I'm in no way saying at the age of 20 I understand what it is like to run a country and face these issues and make decisions on situations I really have no idea about. I do believe however that other solutions such as more public transport (or leaving Kings Cross station open for starters) and more police on the streets could've been implicated first to see if that would help solve the problem.

It is sad to know that my little sister will not have the same experience I had being legally able to explore the city safely. You may be thinking who is this nobody and why should we care about her love for the city ? I believe if I feel this way how many others like myself would feel like this also, how many tourists would come to our beautiful city and be sadly disappointed with the overall experience simply because of one law and how it affects everything within the city.

This may be a minuscule problem compared to what else is happening in the world today, however I believe that I have a voice and I am entitled to the same privileges and entertainment my parents had when they were my age which I think is reason enough to voice my opinion.

Thank you for reading.

Kind regards
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