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# Lockout law review submission.

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To: Liquor Law Review; 

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Dear Reviewer,

My name is Jake Edwards and I am a local resident of Darlinghurst NSW, living around about 200m from Oxford Street, and Hyde Park. This is my submission.

I am a recently graduated law student, and have, throughout my studies relied heavily on the hospitality industry for employment, as well as for recreation. As a local resident, and as an individual I wholeheartedly **disagree** with the lockout laws.

Both the 10pm bottle shop closures and the 1.30am lockout have heavily affected me, and have essentially 'locked me out', socially and economically from the night time economy. Being employed in hospitality (which by the way is not a choice, its just a matter of fact in the current job market for law graduates) I work when the majority of the community play, and when I clock off and my play time used to begin, I only find the stern 'sorry mate 1.30am' of the bouncer there to greet me.

I find that my amenity of the area, being Darlinghurst, has been reduced substantially since the introduction of these laws, and what I once saw as a thriving hub of culture and community has now been reduced to a shell of its former self. Often walking home from work, I find myself walking down Oxford street, a sea of yellow taxi lights and no one around to use them – to me it feels, at least on the ground, that the city is broken.

I hope that a sensible solution to these laws is found, one that can foster the local community, a vibrant night life, and allow us once again to become a local city. The way it is now, its pretty much one big hostile joke. It needs to change.

Regards,

Jake.