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Sydney's lockout laws

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I believe that the lockout laws are a complete overreaction. They were implemented with inadequate consultation with the community who were continuously offering to give their input in a meaningful way. Instead the state government rushed them through to please the hysterical parts of the media. It is really hard to believe that the state government was thinking about public health first and foremost when they excluded the Casio and the site of where the new casino will be. I no longer am a part of the Sydney nightclub scene but I did some amateur DJing when I was younger and when you are starting out you play the early evenings and late shifts, you could compare this to an apprenticeship. The lockout laws have removed the way many, if not most DJs get their start in the industry. Sydney has produced many talented young musicians over the last decade that have gone on to create international careers this exact way.

In conclusion I believe the lockout laws unfairly target Sydney's dance music community and that the issue of alcohol related violence could have been tackled in many other ways.