

Lockout Laws Need to be abolished

Richard Elrington [REDACTED]

Wed 30/03/2016 2:22 PM

To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

Hi there,

As a regular businessman who travels to Sydney from Brisbane, I am shocked at how Sydney has changed for the worse. The nightlife is an essential part of Australian culture and is vital for our economy. How is Sydney considered an international city with the lockout laws? What message is this portraying to the world?

I see that emergency services and their resources are stretched around the nightlife precincts. Now that the lockout laws these resources aren't used at all (in a positive way), however crime has escalated around the suburban areas of Western Sydney, and gang violence is increasing. These are parts that emergency services are finding it difficult to keep up with emergencies across Sydney.

Jobs have been lost, businesses have closed, and Sydney is not getting cheaper to live in. For a place that is so expensive to live in, these higher costs of living cannot be justified without the vibrant nightlife is used to have. The casino is now raking in more money than ever, and only profiting the state government at the expense of people's gambling issues.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Richard