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# Submission to Liquor Law Review

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## Inbox

I am a lawyer and have practiced law in the CBD for 30 years. I am also a mature age student and mix with young people all week and have raised 4 children, all now in their 20s. I like to go out to bars and clubs sometimes and enjoy the advantages that a vibrant Sydney city affords me.

The lock out laws are:

1. An arbitrary knee jerk reaction to the problem of violence in our city which does nothing to address the real problem of violent young men in our community. Violence has decreased in Kings Cross because no-one is there. We could close all pubs and night clubs in NSW at 6pm and we would have reduced violence around those precincts because no-one would be there That was how we lived in the 1950s.

2. reactionary. European cities encourage their populations of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy late night restaurants and bars in an egalitarian environment.

3. misguided. A 2011 analysis of alcohol related crime undertaken for the Council of the City of Sydney by the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre made a number of recommendations. including reducing, or not increasing, the numbers and density of late night venues. Lock outs was not part of the main recommendations but was on a list that had an insufficient evidence base and would have to be rigorously evaluated if introduced. Other government studies have identified the character of the venue management and security as being significant.

Regards

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