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# My two cents

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To Whom It May Concern,

The laws have brought a huge amount of violence into a concentrated area, most notably Newtown and Pyrmont.

Newtown used to be full of freak, geeks and hipsters (I say that lovingly), now, thousands of intolerant people come from all over the place for a drink, and literally kick the shit out of these passive people simply because there is nowhere else to go.

The NSW Government and Mike Baird are hand raising a new generation of problem gamblers by funnelling them into the casino at a time of the night when their decision making processes is inhibited. Casino violence is also up ~500% and so are profits interestingly.

The police and ALEC also enforce these laws randomly, and on their discretion. Certain pubs are targeted and licensees are subject to ridiculous caught proceedings for someone stumbling and other pubs literally have people vomiting over the bar and still being served drinks. I have seen this example first hand. On one occasion, I saw someone urinating at the bar while ordering a beer while the police laughed on.

Many iconic eating hotspots have gone out of business, and many small bars too. Even Hugos, one of the legends went out of business. I can't believe what is happening here, and it all stems from one unlucky fellow who was punched to death by someone who was on drugs. The father of this fellow even wants the laws repealed.

I can't get a bottle of wine from the bottle o after a long shift at work to drink and watch TV with my girlfriend. Why is this the case? It is absolutely ludicrous!

It seems that all the of the hot properties in Kings Cross now are being developed, the Government wanted all the clubs out, and with it all the night life, now they can be sold off to Mike's mates, developed and everyone will make lots of money.

The statistics are certainly not in favour of the lockouts, violence may be down by 47% but violence was declining 10% a year since 2008 anyway! So it cannot be attributed to the laws. What's more is that while violence is down 47%, foot traffic is down~600%! And hundreds of businesses have closed.

The onus needs to be on the individual, not the venue. Come on, get real, this ridiculous

bullshit has got to end.

Regards  
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