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Lockout laws must stay.

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Dear Sir

I am writing to give my experience of the 'lockout laws' as a 25 year resident of Kings Cross/Potts Point.

In that time the character of the neighbourhood has changed enormously. Sadly in the years from 2005 to the introduction of the lockouts I witnessed a significant increase in alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

I realise Kings Cross is an area where people come to "party", but the behaviour of many of the thousands that swarmed into our streets before the lockouts was not acceptable.

I witnessed nightly drunken vandalism, assaults, had to put up with sirens all night and of course it reached crisis levels by the time Thomas Kelly and Daniel Christie were killed a few blocks up from my unit.

By that time we had employed a security guard for our apartment block to stop people vomiting and defecating in our garden and private property.

The lockouts and 3am closings have greatly improved the situation, and I've noticed a booming trade at restaurants, cafes and small bars since.

I believe a noisy and well organised minority are distorting the true situation, and I suspect vested interests are stirring up the situation.

I hope nothing in our area is wound back for the sake of people's health and safety, as well as residents who should not have to put up with living in what had become a "virtual "war zone"

Your sincerely
Geoff Field