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"It constitutes a final straw. The physical lockout is the final manifestation of a cultural lockout the millennials have suffered for a long time. They have been locked out of the housing market, locked out of affordable education, locked out of the welfare system and secure employment. They have seen their political power and their real wealth shrivel. And now the one area where their expectations had not been curtailed – recreation – is being destroyed as well.

The lockout laws are not the closure of a few pubs because of drunken violence. They are final confirmation of who the country is run by, and who it is run for."

<https://www.themonthly.com.au/issue/2016/march/1456750800/richard-cooke/boomer-supremacy>

Richard Cooke has been the closest by far to capsule why us rowdy kids have become so obcenced by this issue. Many of us don't protest, we don't make a fuss, we try to survive in such a toxic climate. We go out and have a drink with mates and go home. Locking us out of the only nightttime outlet that full time students and workers get to indulge in is far from excessive, it's oppression. We are not going to continue being trodden on, we have a stake in this city too.

Instead of shutting down nightlife, putting young bands out of business and wrecking havoc on the live music scene, invest in the public transport or alternatives efficient ways to return home. We all want the dickheads off the street.

Help us all get home instead of keeping us there.

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