

# Liquor Law Review

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To the Hon. Justice Callinan,

I'm writing to lend my views re the early closure drinking laws in Sydney. I've just returned from an Easter weekend break in Melbourne and was overwhelmed by the vibrant culture of restaurant, cafe's and night club activities and most significantly by a number of unsolicited comments I heard about how Sydney night life was dead or dying due to our draconian laws in this matter. I am a mother and grandmother and have successfully reared three children to be productive citizens in a vibrant Sydney culture. I believe that these laws should be repealed to encourage and grow our night life. A night life that is predominantly fostered by those who take care, responsible citizens who are out to have a good time with friends and who should not feel that they need to leave before the evening even begins or to be thrown out onto the streets where frustrations can more readily grow. We cannot penalize the majority that know how to behave with the few that don't and those few need to be catered for by different means.

**Further to add these restrictions to the delivery of alcohol to a home setting is totally counter productive,** surely by allowing people to enjoy there nights in the safe haven of their homes, without the need to go out, without the need to be part of a group or street culture that has its own vibe, is a sound strategy to counter alcohol fueled violence. Surely by supporting the growth of this market where the drinking culture is more inclusive and dignified and where friends and family members take a caring role in looking after each other, makes total sense.

Further by restricting the delivery of alcohol to these home based venues, we are penalizing those who are already choosing the safe option of going home after a night out, choosing to avoid drink driving but who still want to continue to socialize with friends in what is clearly the early part of a night. This demographic can only be served by lifting the 10pm delivery restrictions.

Finally the damage to the business in this area is significant and it is important to recognize that restricting alcohol sales in this way, only acts to fuel an unrest that is often a driver itself to access drinking. However the lowering of restrictions, allowing people to choose from a place of adulthood, and encouraging the enjoyment of our night life at home and in on our streets, in the greatest city in the world, is the only way to build the very society we want.

I strongly recommend this law be repealed.

Yours sincerely  
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