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Lock out legislation

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I do not agree with the lock-out laws. I am writing as a long-term resident of the area. As such, I have seen the ebb and flow of life in Kings Cross over the decades. The current lock-out laws are not going to solve the problems. They merely move it to a different location. If it was really about solving the problem, then the legal drinking age would have to be examined and considered. Also fines for drug and alcohol abuse would also have to be considered. The once vibrant night life of the area has been all but extinguished. The establishments must have lost a lot of business. The associated small businesses, for example, takeaway food sellers, must have been affected by the decrease in business. This area of Sydney has always been primarily, an entertainment precinct with a mix of bohemia, culture and residential. Now it is in danger of losing its identity and becoming just a "nice suburb". I realise that the devastating combination of alcohol, drugs and violence is a major problem facing our society. But I do not believe the lock-out laws to be an adequate or appropriate solution to the issue.

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