

Keep Sydney Open

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Why it's so important?

The cultural prosperity of a city so admired by the rest of the world, is vital to keep vibrant. The importance is not only for locals and for our young musicians, artists and hospitality staff the option to work late, in an industry that supports our local economy and enriches the lives of not only our youngest but the people who've made their lives of this industry. The importance of a rich night life is for the not so obscure tourist/traveller of the city. The people who want to experience the lifestyle of the land of the free. The people who don't want to travel by ticking landmark boxes only, but want to experience the local way of life!

I am in NYC this very moment. Every day and night of my holiday so far I've been out to two or three bars a night. Followed by restaurants, late night gallery pop ups, music venues, all operating until various hours of the night. All of these venues are serving alcohol, but primarily they are all serving the creative enrichment of this amazing city. Not once have I entered a huge shopping centre, a massive casino, a monopoly of government and not once have I stumbled home completely out of my mind drunk. It's been a holiday of late nights and total freedom!

I've spoken about our city laws with locals here. It's the kind of law that can stop people in their tracks when considering a 27hr flight. We have many other things to offer, beaches, parks and wonderful family days for people who enjoy the quiet life. However to keep this city rich in arts, and celebrate the wealth of our local producers and artisans keep it alive for cultural diversity.

Keeping it open into the night is the only way to ensure that the people who this is important to, are considered. As part of the community, the carbon copy and rules dominated society we are becoming is over bearing, limiting and controlling.

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