



Lock out laws

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To whom this regards,

I am writing to express my personal experience with the changes in lock out laws.

The recent laws have significantly reduced the amount of people walking around common night life areas, which you may view as positive however as a female I have felt a huge shift in feeling safe in Sydney to looking over my shoulder constantly.

I am 21 years old and only last weekend the club we were in got shut down early (likely because they cannot afford to keep it open for longer hours due to the change in laws) and we found ourselves stranded in the city.

Myself and my female friend got harassed twice while we were walking from the club by men in cars screaming insults at us and one car pulled over and the man tried to aggressively offer us a lift home. The street was practically deserted and that was the first time I felt like we were in real danger in Sydney after a night out.

It was terrifying, and I have never had this problem before the laws changed because there were many more people around.

I feel like I cannot safely go out now without preparing to spend over \$100 on a taxi because of the lock out laws, and no trains running after 1.30 am makes for an extremely difficult time to get home. These laws have ruined the amazing, positive atmosphere that I used to be apart of many weekends.

Save Sydney night life culture.

Kind Regards,
Rachel Freeman