

Liquor Law

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

Hi there,

I write to implore you to reverse this governments liquor laws enforce which has been ruining the night life of what was a thriving industry.

My friends and I worked in a prominent Sydney nightclub in Sydney's Kings Cross until it closed down some months ago as a direct result of the lockout. Even before it closed we had a great deal of difficulty with our jobs. We all lived in separate area's around Sydney and the best way for us to return home was to finish our shift at 6 in the morning and catch the trains home. As the lockout laws forced our club to shut at 3 we always found ourselves stuck in the middle of the cross because a hopeless lack of transport which often meant that a third of a pay for the night was spent getting back home.

I say that our club was 'forced' to close down because that is exactly what happens when you are forced to stop selling alcohol at 3am. Which functional business is going to continue running overheads when they have been stripped of their right to earn past 3am.

We continued to work until our boss could no longer sustain the MASSIVE reduction in patrons and succumbed to the inevitability of the implementation of this law and went out of business. I just looked on a tourist website for the top nightclubs in Sydney and they can't even list a relevant 'top ten nightclubs in Sydney' because they are closing so fast.

How is kicking every drunk person out onto the street at once going to stop violence. I have had to kick people out at 3am personally and I can tell you that I have been spat on, had a drink thrown over me and been assaulted. In the final months we just were trying to throw them on the streets because the disgruntled patrons would then become the polices problem or some other poor bastards problem.

This is not a solution, bring the people back into the pubs were we can regulate their behaviour and intoxication.

My friends are no longer opting to go into the city and instead do drugs at home to have a good time.

My father of 55 also is beginning to understand the consequences of the laws as he works in one of the big 4 accounting firms and had a conference in Sydney to entertain his global partners. When it came time to entertain his global partners there was no where to run except the casino, which frankly is a miserable place that pales in comparison to other global casino's. Partners left bitterly sour regarding Sydney's nanny state laws as the Casino is not what people travel to this once great city to enjoy.

I hope you come to a conclusion fast because for each passing month this city looses more of its sole to what is becoming a cemetery city.

P.S the casino being left out of exclusion has to be the most blatant government free pass for a single private enterprise I've ever witnessed. If the findings are not enough to overturn the the law please extend the law to include the casino's so this law is fair as it is by a large margin the most violent place in Sydney.

Regards
Jeff