

Lockout laws review submission.

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

Dear Sir,

I've been to Kings Cross several times over recent years, staying at the Holiday Inn, Potts Point.

Saturday nights at the Cross were characterised by huge crowds on the streets and in the various venues and, though there was much revelry and bonhomie, clearly many people went to the Cross with the express purpose of getting very drunk. With their normal inhibitions subdued this, as we know, led to frequent unprovoked acts of violence with serious bodily harm and death. Since the trifecta of regulations has come into play the alcohol and drug fueled violence has dissipated to a significant degree and life for the local inhabitants has become more civil and the area has taken on "village" atmosphere.

These outcomes are very welcome and if it has meant some sleazy clubs have closed and alcohol sales have plummeted resulting in job loses and tough times for the various proprietors, this is of little importance compared to the positive outcomes already mentioned. The Cross and environs has a chance to re-invent itself as a welcome and safe place where visitors and locals can enjoy themselves with the still very reasonable opening and closing laws now operating.

I strongly support continuing the present controls and feel there should be no ground given to those whose sole purpose is to make money from excessive and uncivilised alcohol consumption with little thought for the consequences. A return to the squalor and mayhem of yesteryear is not an option.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gerard,
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