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Save culture before it goes away!

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Since the lockout laws were introduced, we've seen many fantastic music venues, cornerstones of Sydney's night life, close. Many of them directly blamed loss of revenue due to the lockout laws.

I am deeply concerned with what cultural life in Sydney will look like 5 or 10 years down the track if things continue in the manner they have been. It's not something you can just switch back on instantly. It takes much longer to grow back, and we've seen this before elsewhere in the arts in NSW.

There are other ways to deal with alcohol related violence. Education is key! No amount of laws will stop a sick man getting loaded, then travelling to the city early one evening with a tendency to start fights when they're inebriated.

Teach kids in school that violence is never okay. Teach them the dangers of alcohol and the consequences of not acting responsibly. Don't make NSW a nanny state because a handful of troubled young men slipped through the cracks.

Regards,
Will