

Sydney Lock Out Laws

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To: Liquor Law Review [REDACTED]

I hereby submit my opposition to the current Sydney Lock Out Laws and wish to inform the review of the adverse affect it has had on my business and the artists I represent.

As agent, manager and tour promoter for Djs, singers and other club related performers, I wish to report of the damage that the current laws due to the drastically reduced income of the most night club venues and indeed the closure of previous clubs who were my regular clients. With venues struggling to keep punters in after the alcohol stops being served at 3:00am or having guests arrive after 1:30am. Personally, I am a middle aged responsible citizen who is rarely awake and out socialising at these hours - but i remember the days when i wanted to be able to go out after work (in the restaurant and hospitatlity industry) and relax and i also recognise that younger people should have the right to socialise and dance at these hours - like most other modern cities around the world.

Most cities around the worldf recognise the importance of the night time economy and the clubbing and music industry's - and how it also benefits tourism dollars and befits a thriving metropolis such as Sydney to have places where responsible adults can enjoy nighttime entertianment at their leisure.

My business has been vastly affected in Sydney because of the reduced income (and hence entertainment budgets) in the venues caused by the current laws. Some of the recent DJ tours I have presented have had to omit Sydney on the tour because of this - eg i recently toured and artist to Perth, Melbourne, brisbane and Shanghai beacuse sydney vnues cited budget restrictions casued by lock outs. Not only this sydney's reputation is becoming a international joke too - and i know many many potential tourists bringing dollars to the economy have stayed away from Australia lalely, (such as Mardi Gras and New Year) because of the international social media attntention on the lcock out laws.

I agree - things need to be changed in our society to curb the senseless alohol fuellled violence - but this shoud be done with better policing of the streets and leaving the clubs - who gegenerally managettheir patrons behaviour efficiently and effectively and not making everyone suffer for the wrongs of a few idiots. The vast majority of club goers are repectable behaved adults - who shoudl not have to be dictated to by a flawed over policed system.

Yours sincerely,

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