

Liquor Lockout review submission



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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit my objection to the current Lockout Laws as they are akin to using a sledgehammer on a tack.

Despite being initially sympathetic and supportive of the laws and their objective, I have subsequently come to realise that they are in fact heavy handed being somewhat counterproductive to resolving the problems they were enacted to fix.

I am therefore in full support of Sydney lord mayor Clover Moore's private member's bill that seeks to measure and restrict (if necessary) the licensing conditions of individual venues based on their performance and compliance with their licensing conditions, rather than penalising all venues for the poor behaviour of a few.

As a long term resident of some (since 1987), I have witnessed firsthand how the excessive that were present in Kings Cross, Darlinghurst and the Haymarket (prior to the lockout laws) have simply been transferred to the neighbouring Newtown precinct, thereby creating a new level of saturation and bad behaviour. What will be next? Lockout laws for Newtown thereby pushing the demand further west.

Clearly Clover Moore's proposal for "saturation zone" rules and strict licensing enforcement and penalties to limit the number of bars, clubs and hotels in a specific area is a good idea and one that would go a long way towards catalyzing the cultural shift that is required to solve this problem.

Yours sincerely
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