

# Liquor Law Review Submission

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To: The Hon. Ian Callinan AC

Re: NSW Liquor Law Review 2016

Via: [liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir,

**We, the undersigned, welcome the opportunity comment on the Liquor Law Review.**

## **LET THE VAMPIRES THRIVE IN OUR SAFE NIGHT ECONOMY**

Went last night in Sydney went to ... got there about 11pm place was packed jumping Jack Flash until about 1.30am then of course no one else could come in so at 2am it was dead the awesome atmosphere and energy just evaporated everyone left apparently that is normal with these Medieval lock out laws.

I was chatting to some of the staff and believe me no one is happy about that, it only gives them a small window to make any money most are struggling having to go into share housing and finding a second job is nearly impossible to fit in with night work and jobs are hard to find anyway at the moment especially that the whole night economy has effectively been shut down.

I wonder if those responsible for this diabolical law ever really considered what the consequence would be I mean international cities all over the world serve alcohol 24/7 and have thriving night economy's that benefit everyone. Won't be visiting Sydney much sad.

My feeling is we have a minority of people who behave irresponsibly. They intern are effecting a minority of the majority of responsible public. The Lock Out Laws are punishing the majority of responsible people because of the actions of the unruly minority. As my mate mentioned above, this has a serious flow on not just for the employment of those working in the industry. Also for the city itself effectively killing off the night economy hurts those in the industry and the government for tax revenue and the cities world wide appeal as a travel destination.

Is the problem alcohol alone? Are their other sinister forces at work? The issue may well be related to Drugs combined with Alcohol and a minority generation of people who need anger management treatment. It's a society issue people are generally just much less tolerant and angry compared to previous generations. Just look at the world around us, its quite frankly pandemonium on all fronts.

While Sydney has seemingly tried to reinvent the wheel on the issue. Other cities push the barrier for economic growth and development of the safe night economy. I urge you to look at these cities for how they handle the night economies. Melbourne had a three month trial and then canned it, it's about to go all night drinking licences. London has introduced sobriety tags to ban drunks. Singapore rules dirty harry no such behaviour is tolerated jail, they treat this minority as criminals which is what they are. Darwin has great measures including Sober Bob program which could be extended to not just a designated driver but maybe every group over a certain number needs a designated non drinker to control his mates and the best caring understanding police force who deal effectively with the night economy. Cairns has many measures a task

force which worked. Queensland has things in place safe night out precincts, ID scanners, liquor accords and much more. I have lived in all these cities and experienced their vibrant and thriving safe night economies.

Backpackers are also critical to the Australian economy. They work in regional locations doing jobs Aussie kids don't won't to do including a compulsory period on country farms picking our produce and out on remote livestock stations. Once they get wind of these laws and hit social media the flow on effect for our farms and new food bowl industry could be another issue.

This current law is a little medieval with more flow on damaging wide spread economic effects. I urge you to consider looking into other cosmopolitan cities around the world for how they have overcome these issues to thrive in the safe night economy.

**Norman Goetz**



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