

Submission Regarding Lockout Laws

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I am 44years old. I don't drink, I don't smoke, I don't take drugs and I certainly don't support the lockout laws. I do however enjoy going out to socialise with friends and like minded people. I enjoy the creativity provided by musicians, Dj's and visual artists involved in various aspects of the pub and club scene within Sydney. It's a real shame that the current government do not share this enjoyment for creativity and supporting those who have played a major role in making Sydney what it once was.

I have been going out for over 20years now and not once have I been involved or affected by alcohol related crime. That being said, I have seen parents at my child's soccer match getting aggressive and abusive towards officials after a decision went against them. I have also witnessed several road rage incidents during peak hour traffic. I don't believe alcohol was involved in any of these cases, rather an aggressive person venting their frustration.

So, if frustrating situations are triggers for aggressive people, instead of blindly throwing a blanket solution over the entire city (which impacts people who have done nothing wrong), shouldn't we be asking the question - how do we prevent / reduce frustrating situations which could lead to violence?

Does that mean extra public transport?

Does that mean changing or adding new crossover times for taxis?

Does that mean extra locations to obtain food?

Does that mean extra police?

Does it mean that we have to extend the operating hours of pubs and clubs outside the hotspots (Kings Cross and Darling Harbour), so masses of people don't all end up in the same place at the same time?

I'm not saying it's easy and I'm not saying that one solution will suit everyone, but the current laws are not the answer. I urge any decision maker to scrap them completely and start from scratch.

Thanks

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