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I support greater public safety in Sydney. I do not think Lockout Laws are the best way to achieve this. They are a blunt instrument. I support instead the approach taken by Melbourne -- focusing upon the responsible service of alcohol by late-night venues. This was brought about by the introduction of a new regulator, with the power to hand out on-the-spot fines to venues. At the same time, Melbourne provided late-night public transport services and police officers walking the beat in venue areas. The results have been dramatic -- a thriving city night life, and a markedly safer environment. I believe this is a better approach to public safety than the lockout laws, which eliminate nightlife altogether, achieving safety only "by default". Inner Sydney streets are in fact now deserted and unsupervised in the small hours, which has never struck me as safe.

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