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Action Items



I don't believe the lockout laws are the best way to respond to alcohol-fueled violence. They address the symptoms, not the cause. While policing is important, increased funding should be put into taking a more holistic approach to managing these issues e.g. what London is doing with their Night Time Mayor. Work with the venues, take proactive action rather than just react to incidents.

The fallout for Sydney's night time economy has damaged small businesses, our creative industries, and Sydney's reputation as a Global City. A Global City does not sleep - just look around at the world's examples of global cities. Tourists are not going to want to come here because it's BORING. And we risk losing the young talent our economy desperately needs more of if we are to move in global circles of innovation.

The Government should not be determining every move we make and punishing the many for the sins of the few. Not everyone wants to be home in bed by 10pm every night. What about the shift workers, our emergency services, nurses and doctors, creatives who want to go out for a nice meal WITH a drink, or buy a bottle of wine on the way home when they finish work at 3am? Are they so irresponsible that they can't be trusted with their free time, same as the rest of us? (Although only if we want to be done and dusted with our fun when you tell us to).

Further, I think excluding the casino precincts is ludicrous. How can the government justify that? It reeks of corruption. If you are going to implement the lockout laws, then do it equitably and transparently.

I truly hope the government takes this review, and the voices of many dissatisfied community members seriously. You keep quoting 'community outrage' was what pushed you to take this action. What about our community outrage?