

Lockout Law Opinion

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Hi, my name is Zackary Harris i have worked in hospitality and the music industry for the past 5 years.

I am a resident of Newtown/Enmore and i have defiantly seen a shift in the people coming to Newtown. Alot of people have shifted from the cross to newtown and there are a lot more people who are drunk messy and rude, the kind of people who you would find in the cross. I'm not a person who hates these people i just feel spreading these people to suburban areas and impacting on the vibe and atmosphere is not a positive outcome from lockout laws.

I've also seen a massive drop in the amount of people who are in the city late at night, the government says this is a good thing but i think it negatively impacts on the night time economy which leads to negatively impacting the whole economy, if less people are out spending money then less people are earning money.

Also as a musician its sad to see the amount of music venues shutting down, this makes it harder for small bands to get gigs and start playing as the amount of artists isn't decreasing so it leaves a shortage of venues for these artists.

I don't know if you are including all the new laws but the restrictions implied on venues and especially bottle shops is ridiculous i think when you restrict peoples freedom it leads to frustration and does not have positive outcomes on society, look at places like melbourne which are relaxing laws on liquor license and improving the night time economy. Especially when corruption is obvious and there are two casinos in Sydney which are exempt from so many laws which small venus suffer from.

Thank you for your time and thank you for doing this review.

Cheers

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