

I am strongly in favour of these laws remaining in place without any amendments. These have been shown to prevent deaths and injuries and should be introduced throughout NSW.

Prior to the Lockout Laws being introduced I would try to avoid going out locally on a Friday or Saturday night due to the 20,000 plus visitors whose sole aim seemed to be to get as drunk as possible before vomiting on the pavement, urinating in the street and then going home. Very few, if any lived in the area.

Statistics gathered by police and medical workers show that without doubt the result of the Lockout Laws has been a drastic reduction in crime and assaults.

While the press have focused attention on the hotel owners who are blaming the Lockout Laws for closure of their businesses, the reality is that these establishments that have closed are the poorly managed businesses that have been making large amounts of money for years due to lack of Responsible Service of Alcohol. Well run establishments are still open and are busy.

There is no need to have 24hr sale of alcohol, most major cities in the world close their pubs/bars at 2-3am.

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