



Lockout Laws Review

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To The Liquor Law Review Panel

I write to you with the experience of Being a Professional DJ Before & After Lockouts.

My Career started at the end of 2012, when half of our nightlife was already regulated. Which has also been the cause to the patron drop from 2010 to 2012 as you are probably aware.

Since February 24th 2014, Life has been a struggle. I was prior to lockout laws living in Darlinghurst and earning enough to support myself. That became harder when I lost half of my residences within the first 6 months. Half the bars I worked in decided to stop putting DJ's on to cut back on costs.

By the end of July I had moved back in with my parents in [REDACTED] Now what little money I earn goes towards tolls and petrol just to get to work throughout the weekend. Buses do not run on the times I am needed in the city.

With the work i have kept, my hours have been cut in half. and I've had to deal with Cutbacks on my pay per hour rate. I have effectively lost 75-80% of my income.

Since the laws have been in place there has been a change in attitude from the general public. I've noticed a lot more people pre loading double the amount due to alcohol being cut off at 3am. the main residency I have kept starts when alcohol cuts off at 3am. so I see a lot of the tension on a weekly basis.

To put it in simpler terms. These laws have had the complete opposite reaction to what you thought they would have. Because there is a cut off of service and a No Entry policy now in place, patrons have less time to enjoy the night at their own pace. so instead of being sensible I have seen countless displays of people going to hard to early with their night ending before it even began.

Since these laws, The police have been using their power to bully club owners into complying with the them otherwise they will get a strike. I have seen this first hand one night when i was just about to start work. The police have been completely unreasonable. Club owners obviously want to run a successful business. the clubs i work at have been in the industry since the 90's. It's somewhat idiotic to have a 24 year old police officer telling a 50something year old man how to run his own nightclub. The term "Respect your elders" definitely comes to mind here.

Regardless of how Pymont & Barangaroo were conveniently placed outside the lockout Zone. The statistics since the induction of the laws Clearly state that "The STAR" has become the most violent venue in NSW. The Premier's Continual Ignorance of that shows how much he really cares about "Alcohol Fuelled Violence". While I am strongly opposed to these Regulations. If Every Venue in Sydney was forced into lockouts. it would have evened the playing field. making for less tension and hate directed towards the casino and Barangaroo.

Please. I urge you to consult with Small business owners and others who have worked in Nightlife. We want the same thing you do. To see a reduction in violence. But the way the Current NSW Government has about this has completely destroyed the cultural & Social fabric of our city. Not to mention the Reputation we now have all across the world as the "Nanny State" we are a laughing stock. It's embarrassing.

I hope one day my kids will get to go out at any time of the night. without having being berated for having a drink.

Regards

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P.S. I don't drink. Neither do many people I work with. and see on a weekly basis. We just wanna be able to dance until the sun is up. With the current laws. Clubs cannot make the money to stay open that late.