

# Lock out law review

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Here is how the lock out's have affected me.

I work in a popular nightclub on Oxford St. as a lighting technician. Previously I would finish work on average around 8am and have a lovely morning walk home to sleep til my next shift. I really enjoyed the hustle of Sydney at that time and would reflect on the beautiful city that it was.

Since Lock Out's I finish work around 4am. There are no people on the streets except homeless and junkies and being that there is not police presence what so ever I feel very unsafe. I've had two separate people try to rob me at this time because, though the government cares about people being safe at this time, they don't provide any police presence to ensure this is the case. It's a terribly sad picture - Sydney at 4am. There are more homeless people in the City than I have ever seen, especially taking up residence at Central station.

I won't deny that Australia has a problem with alcohol. But if you cultivate a culture around it and allow alcohol companies to advertise relentlessly and sponsor our sporting teams, and pump your youth with soft drink varieties designed to prepare us to be able to consume as much alcohol as possible, this is the result. Something needs to be done to change the culture, however the Lock Out laws are simply making it worse.

Slightly less violence with a large fall in foot traffic actually means more violence per person. These laws have made the streets unsafe there are several more effective ways to stop the perpetuation of the chest beating, sculling culture that is prevalent right from the onset of high school in this country.

Regards  
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