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Re: Liquor Law Review

HC Helen Crossing [REDACTED]



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To: John Howard [REDACTED]; Cc: Liquor Law Review [REDACTED]

Sun 3/04

Inbox

Thanks John

Great to hear the views of long term residents.

Even better that you are willing to take a stance against the pro alcohol lobbyists who did ruin what the Cross was all about.

Regards Helen

Sent from my iPhone

Helen Crossing

On 3 Apr 2016, at 6:50 PM, John Howard <johnhoward58@hotmail.com> wrote:

My name John Howard

I moved into Potts Point in 1969

I have been a resident of the 2011 post code since that time

I am a multiple rate payer , long-term resident and for many years have operated a business in the local 2011 area

I have worked at the Bourbon and Beefsteak and the Texas Tavern during the Rest and Recreation days with visiting service men from the Vietnam War

I have also worked for long periods at The All Nations Club (Bayswater Rd) , the Aquatic Club (Greenowe Ave), Freddie's Old Vienna Inn (Springfield Ave) and Springfield Lodge (Springfield Ave) , Les Girls , Whisky a Go Go and many , many other Restaurants and Bars

I mention this to show that I have lived and worked in Kings Cross/Potts Point for many years and have seen first hand the changes that the area has gone thru.

I am not new to this area and I am proud to call it my home

I have seen the 2011 postcode go from the Chevron Hotel glamour (Beatles , Diana Ross , Shirley Bassey) to the Arts and Crafts of the Yellow House , the NEW Kings Cross Police Station (used to be a restaurant) , the Sailor and Service men focus with many clothing shops catering for them along Macleay St (now known as the "Paris end of Macleay St ") .

I lived here when the Wayside Chapel when it was just a little terrace house , was at the opening of Hair the musical in Orwell St , had many coffee's at Sweethearts (now MacDonaldis) , shopped at Woolies where the Library is now ,walked to the

City because Eastern Suburb's rail wasn't even begun and , well you get my gist .

In the last few years prior to the early lockout laws being introduced I had NEVER felt as fearful , intimidated and wary of those around me due to the ever increasing violent , drunken behaviour as a direct result of Hotels and Bars operating as though they owned the area .

Kings Cross was quickly becoming a NO GO AREA

The drunken , violent , anti social behaviour was becoming so much that many locals were fearful of going out at night .

Kings Cross was known for one thing , a drunken , violent debauched area which wasn't safe and certainly owned by the Liquor Lobby and its many minions

Since the early lockout laws were introduced the area has , and continues to grow and change into a safe , friendly , sober and diverse area where the hotels and bars do not swamp and rule the 2011 postcode

I have never felt as safe to go out at night , any night , without being fearful of drunken and violent behaviour of out of control people .

10 pm bottle shop closing = reasonable , 1,30 am last orders and 3 pm closing = reasonable

Yet a handful of greedy hotel/bar owners backed by the liquor lobby want (and will do or say anything to get there way) to return to the bad old days before early lockout laws simply so they can profit financially

Please keep the laws as they are , as any change will not only damage the safety of residents and but will also show that the tax revenue , liquor lobby and a handful of liquor business owners have brought and paid for ant retro-grade change's

John Howard