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Submission in relation to liquor law review

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Action Items



Please accept my submission in support of a significant departure from the current lock out laws, restrictions upon sale of takeaway alcohol and periodic liquor licence fees.

I go out to nightclubs and bars in Sydney on a regular basis. I did this before and after the lockout laws were imposed. I have never behaved violently in a bar or club, nor have any of my friends. We are part of an enormous majority that do not commit crime after drinking alcohol, do not assault people (drunk or not) and do not need to have our behaviour controlled and limited by overly restrictive laws. Yet I am one of the many who are restricted in my choice of entertainment at night. One who must rush to beat the clock to be the club by 1.30am, to stay there rather than going elsewhere because 'the doors are locked' and to have last drinks at 3.00am because, thats just the way it is.

Sydney is rightly being described by others as a 'nanny state', the multitude of laws prevents everything from shots of alcohol after midnight to entry to nightclubs after 1.30am.

The majority should not be penalised for the actions of very few. Those people should be punished through the Courts.

Before all of the clubs are closed down, before all of the tourists stop coming and before increasing licencing fees squash the few bars that remain significant reform is needed.

Please remove the lock out laws, remove the last call for drinks at 3am, reassess changes to licencing fees and review the lack of restrictions on the Star Casino.

The rules as they stand, show a tremendous bias in favour of the casino and rely on an assumption that everyone must pay the price of the actions of very few.

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