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Lock out laws - Sydney

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To whom it may concern

Do I really have to explain why the knee jerk lock out laws are a massive balls up? Or why Sydney's new reputation as puritanical, corrupt and lifeless isn't so great?

I live in Melbourne now, a place where there is life on the streets at different hours. Empty places aren't safe places. Sydney was scarily quiet when I visited there earlier this year. I used to feel quite safe in East Sydney, now, apart from family, I am in no hurry to return to the city.

If these laws are so great and dead safe cities with bored cops are what you want, then they should apply equally to the fatcat casino owners too. No, stricter on the casinos as they have had a free kick for too long. And no retail after 6pm. Kill the whole city.

I work in local government so I understand that this process is compromised from the start. I just hope someone has the courage to admit that this approach is wrong and set about working with the communities that you've ruined to rectify it.

Regards

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