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Dear Sir/Madam

I write in support of lockout laws currently in place. As someone who lives opposite a pub in Sydney CBD, I see daily the harm drugs (including alcohol) cause to people. Alcohol remains too easily available, far too glamourised and not enough stigmatised as a highly harmful drug. I continue to see pregnant/breast feeding mothers drink. The message about harm is not being articulated clearly and strongly enough, the culture is stuck in heavy drinking being seen as a badge of honour not something to be ashamed of, and alcohol affected behaviour continues to be unacceptable.

Lockouts are obviously not a long term answer. There should not be a reason for any lockouts, and there should not have to be set hours when alcohol may be available. However, given current cultural influence and alcohol affected behaviour, there does not seem to be another alternative. Until the public's attitude changes and culture improves, a State/country wide lockout should apply.

Regards,
Charles