

From a resident re: Independent Review on the Lockout Laws



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Hello,

As a resident of Elizabeth Bay, just down the road from Kings Cross I wanted to get in touch on the matter of the lockout laws.

I have lived in the area for more than four years, and prior to this have come into the neighbourhood for drinks and dinner over the 16 years since I moved to Sydney from London in 2000.

It has been sad to see the impact on the neighbourhood since the lockout laws were introduced - what was a vibrant area with many places to go for a drink or dinner has suffered from the decline in foot traffic with many small bars and restaurants unable to sustain their businesses.

I am in my forties and a parent, yet still enjoyed the hustle and bustle that a walk through the Cross used to offer. In all my times I never witnessed any violence, instead always found the buzz to be friendly and embracing.

Of course there were the two tragic instances that occurred, but these were actually before the currently lockout times and perhaps could be avoided with increased police presence, rather than closing down the small businesses that were contributing to make Sydney a city of international standards, comparable to New York, London or Paris. Now the area is a ghost town and feels more like a country town on a Sunday night.

Have a tour of the area with one of the locals and you can see this for yourself.

Thanks for looking into the impact the lockout laws have had and for taking the views of residents into account.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

sincerely,
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