

# Lockout Law Review

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

Dear Sirs,

My name is Steve Jacobsen and I have lived in [REDACTED] for nearly 20 years. Living in the area for so long I wish to convey some of my personal observations of the neighbourhood pre and post the introduction of the lock out laws.

- Prior to the lock out laws there would not be a week-end that would pass where I was not awoken in the early morning hours due to some drunken individual and his/her mates hailing down a cab at the top of their lungs. Since the lock out laws these types of incidents have dramatically decreased.
- The surrounding area is a lot cleaner as empty beer bottles, people's vomit or discarded food are not left on the front steps or surrounding footpaths, where prior to the lock out laws this was a common occurrence.
- If I do come home late at night I don't feel as intimidated now as I did prior to the lockout laws were I usually had to contend with a barrage of drunken individuals roaming the surrounding streets away from the pubs and night clubs were you felt most vulnerable.
- I like to have a drink and a good time as much as the next guy but I cannot believe that people need to drink beyond 3.00am in the morning to achieve satisfaction, in my experience people who drink to this extent are usually out to cause trouble.

I would also like to reiterate some general observations associated with the introduction of the Lockout Laws.

- Most importantly – there have been NO deaths from a one punch coward hit in the Kings Cross area since the law was introduced. Surely this is the most compelling argument against any proposed watering down of the law.
- Assaults in the area have reduced by 32% (according to the Crime and Justice bulletin April 2015).
- As a result of the lower assault rate hospital admissions to St Vincent's for assault related injuries are also lower than they have been in years.

As you can tell I'm vehemently against any proposed changes to the current lockout laws, in fact I'd like to see them extended beyond the current boundaries. In last Tuesday's Daily Telegraph there was an article about concerned residents of Newtown now fearing for their safety due to the influx of revellers as a result of the lock out laws. Is it not the responsibility of our law makers to ensure the safety of its citizens and until people learn how to behave properly when drinking these Lockout Laws must stay in place in their current form or be enhanced but in no way should they be watered down.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Jacobsen.