



Regarding Sydney's lockout laws

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Hello,

I have been a resident of Sydney my entire life, and a bartender here for the last 15 years. Sydney was once known for having a vibrant and amazing nightlife. But this is no longer the case.

The amazing King's Cross has all but shut down, with some of Sydney's greatest nightclubs, bars and hot spots, closing due to having their opening hours so restricted that they simply cannot stay afloat.

I have just returned from overseas, where they do not have lockout laws. There is no violence in these places, in the streets or in the venues, due to alcohol. The problem with violence obviously lies elsewhere.

All these laws have served to do is to move people who are already troubled to other areas. Meanwhile, the greater population and tourists of Sydney are forced to:

- Travel outside the CBD, where venues are not equipped to handle the number of people that are now flocking there.
- Go to the Casino. That the casino is exempt is utterly shameful.
- Go home, ultimately disappointed that Sydney, the entertainment capital of Australia, is unable to keep up with the likes of EVERY OTHER MAJOR CITY in the world, and stay open and happy.

Sydney's economy, thousands of businesses, tens of thousands of hospitality workers have been effected by this. Not to mention that this has done NOTHING to contain alcohol fueled violence, as that is in issue that is not going to be solved by these measures, and is simply unrelated. If some disturbed individual wants to get into a fight, they will do so. Better they are under the supervision of security and staff, rather than flocking to Sydney's overcrowded surrounding suburbs (which are becoming incredibly unsafe at night).

Given the amount of people I have spoken to who feel the same way, I sincerely hope to find a well thought out position on this.

Hope this has reached you in time.

Please think of Sydney, because these laws are killing her.

Sincerely,
Jared, 32.