

# Liquor Law Review

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I am writing to outlay my particular Mardi Gras experience, with regard to the lockout laws.

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade is one of our premiere event based tourist attractions. For one night Oxford St and the surrounding areas are transformed into a glittering seething mass of people.

It was quite a shame that, at 1.30am, having only just regained contact with my friends, I found Oxford St to be completely empty.

The parade finished less than two hours earlier, leaving plenty of time and energy left for people to continue activities at night time venues. Yet after the parade all doors on the street were shut, effectively ending the night prematurely for my group and other groups intending to socialise.

The desolation on this night of nights was appalling. The spectacle and fun atmosphere that the Mardi Gras Parade generates is only second in grandeur to Sydney's world renowned NYE celebrations. The 1.30am lockouts simply decimates the good vibe of the area so incredibly quickly for an event that should be a party until dawn.

-Jeremy