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To whom it may concern,

Regarding the so called lock our laws I would like to share my experiences.

I have found the approach to controlling alcohol related violence to be too heavy handed, removing too many liberties from law abiding, non-violent citizens and overly encumbering venues with too many responsibilities.

As a social drinker who regularly goes out on a Friday and Saturday night for the last ten years i have seen many Sydney venues now hiring excessive numbers of security guards and implementing cumbersome service rules since the laws have changed. As a customer I find these changes do not make me feel safer and instead I feel as though my civil liberties are encroached on for undue cause.

I would strongly encourage a more targeted or surgical approach to manage alcohol related violence than the current regulations. Too many venues are now under far too heavy security and regulation than necessary.

Secondly, I object to blanket restrictions on alcohol sales after 10pm. Again, this certainly creates a feeling of government encroaching on civil liberties when I cannot go to my suburban bottle shop after 10pm.

Overall, I am opposed to the heavy handed and blanket regulations imposed by the current laws and strongly favor a more balanced approach including venue specific regulations and education.

Kind regards,

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