

Submission to the review of alcohol

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Since the introduction of the lockout laws there has been a significant drop on assaults in the effected area. Colleagues of mine who work in the area are able to spend more of their time and resources focusing on other forms of crime instead of acting as, what is the equivalent of, extra security for licensed premises. As a person who likes to go out and have a good time I have noted a dramatic improvement in the vibe of the nightlife. While others may cast their own opinions contrary to my view point I have found I feel safer and am still able to stay out late and enjoy all of the nightlife Sydney has to offer. As a patron prior to the lockouts it wasn't uncommon to come across several fights of people who had been assaulted while travelling between different venues. I rarely see sights like those when I go out anymore and still see an abundance of people out at night and enjoying the nightlife. I support the lockout laws being in place both from a professional and personal standpoint.

Regards,

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