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# Sydney lock-out Laws: A Lesson in what not to do.

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## **The Hon. Ian Callinan AC QC**

Dear Sir,

The inquiry into the NSW liquor laws is welcomed. Over the last number of years, the NSW Government has burdened the citizens of the State with an increasing number of regulations purportedly in the interests of safety, however these regulations have had a tremendous impact on civil liberties, freedom, employment, small businesses and the economy.

The lockout laws are a prime example of how legislation can hamper progress and cultural growth, in the name of safety. The city I loved, the one I lived in towards the end of my adolescence is not the same one it is now. It is a city that has lost its vibrant image and culture as a knee-jerk response to a few instances of violence that were a statistical anomaly.

Statistics can be skewed to report what the author wishes to state. This is known as statistical bias. The statistics that were used to create and justify these laws are ripe with statistical bias. This has been shown in a number of articles debating the laws. For example, ['Would the last person in Sydney please turn the lights out'](#) by Matt Barrie.

As I am currently in the process of studying for an exam tomorrow, so I unfortunately have to cut my email short. In the best interests of the people, please consider removing the lockout laws that are in place.

Kind regards,

Luke Kains

