

Submission to the review of alcohol



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I have been a police officer for over 7 years and also a regular visitor to the Sydney CBD with family and friends for many more years. All I can say from a professional perspective is that the amount of stupid and drunken behaviour has been massively reduced. I work in the Sydney CBD and the amount of drunken behaviour has dropped dramatically allowing us to actually do our job helping domestic violence victims, tackling graffiti offences, armed robberies etc

I also still regularly go out and enjoy Sydney's nightlife. Yes I agree, we are no Ibiza, we are not Mykonos, we never were and never will be but every single time I have gone out I still have had a great time with friends. As long as you get to a venue before 1.30am then there are no issues. Last drinks at 3am is also perfect because by that time I find myself that if I had any more I would've been way too intoxicated. 3am last drinks is perfectly sensible. The only outcome of drinking past that time is anti social behaviour and offences against property and persons.

Please take the sensible approach and leave the alcohol laws and retain our reputation as a safe state for families and for having a safe night out. Night life is still great, business are only complaining because they are losing money but they don't care about the violence and the collateral damage from senseless drinking and senseless violence.

Regards,

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