

# 14yr Resident of Kings Cross

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HI LLR,

I want to keep this short and sweet as I am sure you have a ton of emails to read.

Age: 36

Occupation: Software Executive

Resident of Kings Cross: 14yrs (100m from Police Station and moved to above the Coca Cola sign in 2014)

For or Against Lockout: I want them gone

I moved to Kings cross in 2002, I was 22yrs old and was attracted to the vibrant night life and the energy you could feel any night of the week, I own two properties on the 'Golden Mile' and after 14yrs on I am now thinking of leaving, I will make a good return on my investments but I feel the cross is dying and I need to give my two cents.

## The Violence

I walk the cross every day. That's 14yrs or +5,000 days in the cross, more than most people and my first feedback is the violence in the news has been so hyped up it would be laughable if it wasn't so dire. In the 14yrs I have lived there I have never had a fight or been assaulted, 12yrs of this was deep in kings cross. The media have done a great job of hysteria and this needs to be taken into account.

- What could help – more police patrols, they are never around. Its 6 blocks, how hard is that to police?
- Stricter Laws for Assaults

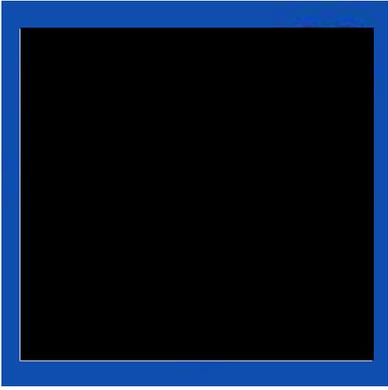
## The Lockouts

I have watched the lock out laws decimate the area not just for pub/clubs (I don't need to list them as I am sure you already know) but for business owners as well, I watched Jimmy Liks, Pomme Fritz, Ogalo and even Oporto close. I now regularly find myself leaving the area 3-4 nights a week, usually to Surry Hills, Bondi and now Cammeray to go somewhere there are people actually out socialising, because in the cross right now there is no 'feeling' left, it's quite and the pubs are empty. For a resident who was proud to live in a fun/exciting/cool area I am now the one leaving to go to other suburbs for dinner and entertainment.

## The Locals

I know allot of locals and the irony is the residents and locals who want the lockouts to stay are let's just be honest.... They are old, they are tucked up in bed long before 1.30am and didn't even come out to the cross pre-lockout so it is no loss if the whole area turns into apartments and cafes.

I am on the later years of going out to clubs but I still want to walk the streets and feel the buzz, I want restaurants with people in them, I want to pick up a bottle of wine after dinner, I want the return of the hustle and bustle.



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