

Submission to review



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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to make a brief submission to this review. Many others have written extensive and well researched pieces, but I can add recent personal experience in having moved from Melbourne to Sydney.

I lived in Melbourne during the failed experiment of lock-out laws. They were terrible. Bad for business, bad for the economy, bad for venues, bad for nighttime safety, and bad for personal freedom.

Now I have moved to Sydney to see this take place again.

I was once told I couldn't have a whiskey at a bar at 10.30pm as it was a "shot" and it needed to be mixed with spirits.

At 5pm on a Sunday afternoon at a beachside hotel, my partner and I were refused service for two drinks at an outside table as by law, a meal must be purchased with it. I was not intoxicated, and in fact was driving my car home afterwards in any case.

The conduct at issue here is the violent behaviour that much of the rhetoric in support of these laws has been focused on.

It must be highlighted, quite simply, that this conduct is already proscribed!

It is already illegal to assault people, regardless or whether it is nighttime or not, or regardless of proximity to the CBD area excluding, of course, the casinos.

We must all consider very seriously any infringement of our freedoms and liberties, in furtherance of an emotive cause against conduct that is already prohibited.

Otherwise, it is the thin end of the wedge.

Regards, Christopher Koch

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