

# Lock Out Laws

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Hello,

Have you ever had the luxury of experiencing the excitement of cities such as New York, Tokyo or Berlin? Cities where one can eat, drink, explore, socialise and basically have a damn good time 24 hours a day? The Queensland Government has passed its lockout laws, banning the sale of alcohol in a shot glass from midnight and the sale of all alcohol from 3 am. The reason: violence. Citizens of Australia and our international visitors must have the liberty to live our lives in whichever manner we seem fit; as long as we are not hurting anyone.

Do Australians have a problem with alcohol and violence? [The homicide rate in Australia has continued to decline each year since 1989. In fact, rates of violent crime in democratic countries around the world have been in steady decline since the 1980's. Statistically, countries with the most conservative social laws and restrictions have the highest levels of homicide, violent assault, drug abuse and unhappiness.](#) The penalty for assault charges in Queensland often results in community service. Often, violent offenders leave court without a recorded conviction or jail time.

If the government wants to further reduce violence, get serious and increase penalties for violent criminals. The rest of us want to socialise, eat, drink, dance, sing, love and laugh. We won't be held victim to your draconian laws [Anastasia Palaszczuk](#). We know too well the folly of authoritarian regimes.

Thankyou,

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