



# Lock out laws

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To the Honourable Mr Callinan,

I am writing in regards to the lock out laws that have been in place for Sydney for the past 2 years.

I am very opposed to these lock out laws - for many reasons. They have not reduced alcohol related violence overall - the violence that occurs now, just occurs in other spaces other than the CBD. There may not have been any deaths (that have been reported) due to alcohol related violence, however there have also been many years prior to the sad passing of these 2 young men, that nobody died.

I also believe there are other, less punitive ways, of supporting people to reduce their drinking (i.e. ensuring that establishments that sell alcohol do not serve alcohol to highly intoxicated patrons). Encouraging greater focus by Police by putting these people in the sober cells.

It is also important to have 24/7 public transport available to all parts of Sydney where there are late licenses - having the 3am change of taxis occurring at the same time as most big clubs closed, was always an incident of violence waiting to occur.

The lock out laws have only managed to shut down multiple bars & clubs across Sydney which has resulted in many small business shutting down, entire areas like Kings Cross are now dead & have no life in them, increase the access to the Casino (was this always the plan, I wonder?), and made Sydney a laughing stock around the world.

It makes it incredibly hard for many responsible adults to go have a night out with their friends without having to constantly clock watch, and worry about access to venues. So the lock out laws have punished everybody who wants to have a drink - even though the vast majority of these people have never been violent under the influence of alcohol in their lives.

The laws have not looked at what makes Australia have such a drinking culture - because stopping access to alcohol is not what stops the drinking culture.

Please stop these laws that have had dispersed the drinking related violence throughout the

whole of Sydney - where there is not enough Policing, public transport or support to keep everyone safe. Please return the laws to what they were - and have a greater focus on preventing alcohol related violence that does not push it into the suburbs, and penalise those who are just wanting to have a good time. That's what Sydney is about.

Thank you,  
Kyla