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# Rethink the lockout laws - Keep Sydney Open!

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Good afternoon

As a global city with a population nearing 5 million, Sydney needs to find a balance between safety and a vibrant nightlife. Currently, the Lockout laws may be achieving their goals too well, discouraging and denying the public from enjoying time out at night. A vast majority of the population is being punished for the actions of a few. Sydney's night life, its vibrancy, its global reputation and its night-time culture is dying.

The Lockout laws were imposed without any public or industry consultation. Now is the time to implement smarter solutions that enable Sydney to be a truly inclusive, safe and vibrant place to live by listening to the public and the night-time operators of restaurants and bars. Some smarter more balanced solutions should include:

- 24 hr public transport on Friday, Saturdays and Sundays.
- Tougher sentencing.
- Allowing venues with good management history allow to be exempt from Lockout.
- Adopting policies and strategies from successful night-time cities overseas.
- Lifting the 10pm curfew for bottleshops.

Regards

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