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Devastating to a once great & beautiful city

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The lockout laws imposed upon Sydney have had a direct negative impact on this once thriving city.

As the manager of a bar, I work late nights. After a hard 11+ hour shift putting my heart and soul into being the best I can be, I don't think it is too much to ask to be able to go to a nice bar with my team so we can discuss the evenings events, celebrate our wins, wind down and talk about ways we can improve.

The lockouts have made that, for all intents and purposes an impossibility. Why should someone who works a 9-5 job have this opportunity to bond with their team over some cocktails while we miss out? Is our job not considered as valuable or important as yours?

I remember not too long ago a time when a night out in Sydney brimmed with excitement & possibility, with a myriad of options of bars to visit, live music to watch, and interesting people to meet. Now a night out seems dull and empty, or just a rush to find a venue that is bearable enough to stay in past 1.30am.

I don't even need to mention the hypocrisy of the casino and Barangaroo being excluded from the lockout zone, the corruption in that department is truly laughable and a stain on what I once considered to be a great city.

Act now to reverse these laws and we can work together to build a strong foundation off of the rock-bottom that has become Sydney's nightlife.

Yours sincerely,

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