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Lock Out Law Review Submission

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Action Items



I am writing to you to convey my opposition to the current lock out laws in Sydney. They were implemented in a haphazard way and with no consultation with the people that they would affect.

Seeing as they were implemented because of two acts of random violence that both occurred before 10:30pm the late night restrictions make little to no sense.

If they were all about safety then why is the Casino, one of the most violent venues exempt. Also why are several gambling venues also exempt ?

Australia has a problem with alcohol and violence. But this is a cultural and society wide problem. Until we solve this through education and teaching. Then nothing will change.

Indeed all these laws have done is to turn the once vibrant night life of Sydney into a ghost town and shifted the violence elsewhere.

In addition to this so many people's livelihoods have been devastated as venues, clubs, bars, late night food places are all forced to close.

You can not claim that this is about public safety when the Star casino and the soon to be erected Brangaroo Casino are exempt.

When both the owners of the Casinos are large financial supporters of the state Liberal Party. Claims of corruption are well founded.

These ill thought out laws are destroying the culture, music and art of our city. They are a mockery of protecting public safety when you can merely look at the assault rate of the Star.

I urge you to revoke these laws or at the very least include both the Casinos. Instead let us channel our efforts to teach our young folk not to drink themselves stupid. To be able to go out and have a good time without losing control of themselves and lashing out.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Low