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Hi,

As a Sydney resident, my experience of the lockout laws have been of no benefit in any way. In fact I've only seen a negative impact, which is not difficult to see.

The 1:30am lockouts and the 3:00am no further service of alcohol is meant to reduce the amount of violence amongst Sydney's nightlife, yes? Most of this violence is fuelled by alcohol, right? Before 3:00am though, people are still drinking alcohol. So either way, there is going to be alcohol fuelled violence. So not only are people still drinking anyway, but as it gets close to 3:00am, people are stocking up on their drinks while they can which is only increasing their intoxication and making them more out of control. Also, when alcohol stops getting served, people then turn to illicit drugs to maintain that high. There is no win here.

Two friends of mine were attacked and robbed in Darling Harbour for no reason, by a group morons who were also out clubbing that night. No lockouts stopped that happening.

I live out in the Blue Mountains where the trains only come once an hour. When going home, I have to catch the first train I can, unless I have a friend's place to stay (which I don't always). Because I live so far from the city and Sydney's transport is not the best, catching the night rider bus home is not an option. So whilst I'm out in the city, I have to be very careful not to get kicked out of the club after 1:30 for whatever stupid reason that the security guards come up with. Because they do pick on people a lot. Otherwise I'm stuck on the street in Sydney until a 5:00am train comes because I can't get in anywhere. Thankfully, I've never been kicked out of anywhere.

And for the sake of Sydney. What once was a beautiful city with fantastic night life, is now a dying culture. Many popular bars and clubs have been closed down as a result of the lockout laws. Kings Cross was renowned for its amazing and hectic night life. Now it's dead. Sydney as a whole is dying. Violence is still very significantly amongst the city. There has been no positive impact of these laws.

Apply harder and stricter consequences for the idiots that have ruined it for everyone. That includes the irrational security guards and police too. Don't make the innocent people who are just there for a good time suffer as well.

Regards,

Regular but disappointed Sydney party-goer who just wants to have fun and socialise.

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