

Lockout Laws

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The lockout laws have affected me personally in the following ways:

1. Inconvenience at being unable to purchase liquor after dinner with friends after 10:00pm
2. Decrease in restaurants and dining options due to business closures
3. Decrease in entertainment options live music and late night cultural activities
4. Difficulty in recruiting international workforce for high-tech roles due to damage to international reputation
5. Spending more time at home/alone rather than with friends due to a lack of late night options for socialising
6. General negative sentiment and sense of despair amongst friends, co-workers and colleagues affecting social interactions and general sense of wellbeing
7. Increased costs and travel time after relocation of primary residence from lockout zone due to the loss of culture in the inner city
8. I have deterred several international tourists from visiting Sydney and have recommended they visit Melbourne instead

The median age in Sydney is 35 years old and being close to this demographic I can unequivocally say that 100% of all my friends and colleagues believe the lockout laws are affecting their social enjoyment of the city, are punishing those who live in the inner city who are generally non violent, and create a sense of a police state that will long term affect the international competitiveness and attractiveness of Sydney as a business, cultural and holiday destination.