

Liquor Law review in NSW

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Hi,

My name is Patrick Makenen. I live in Redfern, NSW and have seen over the past two years the implications the lock out laws have had on the city.

I am a permanent resident of Australia and have lived here for 5 years, seeing Sydney for what it was to what is now is both saddening and frustrating. Its sad that the heart of the city, once people go home from their jobs on a Friday is now barren, cold and empty. Its frustrating the amount of bars that I used to work in are now closed, and many people I know are now out of a job or have had to move out of the city just to find work.

I understand the argument that more small bars have opened, and this has made up for all the bars, restaurants and live music venues that have closed. But if you have been to a small bar in the city you would know that unless you make a lot of money it is not possible to stay for more than a few drinks before using up a whole paycheck. A standard cocktail at a CBD small bar where the lock out zone is 20-30 dollars.

I live in redfern where Bars close at 12. If I get home from work at 9:30 I have only 30 minutes to rush to the bottle shop to buy a beer after a long day or get shut out. I think this is ridiculous and have never been to another city in the entire WORLD that has this childish law.

I am strongly opposed to the lockout laws and what is has turned this city into. I am extremely angry the casino is exempt from these laws and can continue skirting the law because they have money, while normal people in society are punished because of the acts of a few.

This issue needs to be taken seriously, since it has already killed the biggest city in Australia. You will find that this is the biggest mistake anyone has every gotten away with in this city, and it will take along time to heal the wounds even if you decided to reverse these laws.

Please make the right decision.

Patrick