

# Callinan Review Concerns

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Yesterday I received a spam letter in my mailbox from a group called the "2011 Resident's Association" that called for all residence in the 2011 post code to write to you in support of the Lock Out Laws. I am writing this to express that not all people residing in the 2011 post code share the beliefs of this organisation.

I have lived in Kings Cross for more than 15 years and was never assaulted pre Lock Out Laws. Since then, I have been assaulted twice while coming to the aid of older people who were being abused. And both times the Police refused to charge the people despite overwhelming evidence. As a former member of the Police with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Psychology, I can only assume this was done to in order to keep the assault statistics down in the area.

I am opposed to the Lock Out Laws and do not feel any safer in the area since they have come into effect. In fact I feel less safe. There use to be numbers of people here that kept an eye on each other but now it has become a ghost town where predators can strike more easily without being noticed. I'm not blind to the fact that there were issues here pre Lock Out Laws but I enjoyed living in an area that had an edge and was different to the many other bland and gentrified areas of Sydney. There are better ways to deal with the problems rather than shutting the city down and funnel people into the casinos. Without going into them specifically, I'll refer you to the Keep Sydney Open people who are offering reasonable solutions.

Regards,

Greg Marsden