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Hi Hon. Ian Callinan,

You've heard from Matt Barrie and I'm sure you've considered this article:

https://www.themonthly.com.au/issue/2016/march/1456750800/richard-cooke/boomersupremacy

Now I want you to hear from me. I'm 35 years old, my partner and I are both university graduates on high incomes, we pay an extraordinary amount of tax and we spend a large portion of after tax income.

The repressive liquor laws in Sydney have caused us to seek work overseas - Sydney is no longer vibrant enough to keep us here. We feel the state has impacted our lives in unnecessary ways - overreaching into our lifestyles and causing resentment. Many of our favorite venues have closed, Sydney feels like a ghost town. Even my favorite Kebab shop has ceased trading. Sydney no longer holds the attraction or the fun factor to justify the high cost of living.

We will be living in Hong Kong or Shanghai by the end of 2016. It seems backwards that a young professional couple feels the need to escape an oppressive regime by considering a move to China...

I hope this review can lead to a change in the Liquor Laws and prevent what could become a significant bran-drain

Cheers

James

