

# Sydney lockout laws

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Hello, I am a 21 years old and I live in Sydney. I am currently studying, enrolled in a Bachelor of Audio Production degree at SAE Audio College at Wynyard. I work nights at a restaurant in the upper north shore and spend the remainder of my time rehearsing, managing and performing inside and outside the city, with my band The Salty Tenders.

In a years time, I will be looking for work in the live music industry as a sound engineer. It is highly uncommon that someone in my position will be able to sustain themselves by working at one place of employment alone and instead, will be working across multiple establishments. Most of this work is short term and temporary and it is essential that there is a lively nightlife economy to secure work.

With the new lockout laws and the obvious result of clubs and pubs closing down due to decreased patrons and revenue, I fear for my ability to survive as an operator of the night.

The lockout laws have also effected my social and personal life. Due to the nature of being a student I am restricted to working nights. I work 4-5 nights a week including both friday and saturday. I will usually finish between 11pm - 12am. When I decide to go out for a given occasion I arrive late in the city, often late enough to be locked out of venues my peers are enjoying themselves in. This usually means that I turn down many events that I'm interested in, just because I know that I'll be refused entry. I want to be able to see my friends after work.

While my band is not directly effected by these laws, the continuous stream of venues closing down is concerning. To be able to create and perform, then share it with people, only works if you have somewhere to play. But these laws have definitely affected my peers who are trying to make a living for themselves through performing their electronic music at nightclubs. Many have lost their gigs at various venues and it is saddening to see.

Also 10pm takeaway alcohol ban is disgusting nanny state bogus. If I could buy some beers after work, I'd bloody appreciate it.

These restrictions should be eliminated or at least loosened to allow for a more vibrant, entertaining and hopeful Sydney. At least for those of us who don't want to go to the casino.