

Lockout laws

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my negative opinion of the Sydney lockout laws.

I am extremely disappointed that the majority are being punished for the bad behavior of the extreme minority. I'm a 30 year old woman and I find it embarrassing that when friends are visiting we can't get a bottle of wine to take home after 10pm. As someone who works sometimes late hours in a stressful job its nice to be able to pick up a bottle of wine en route home to unwind. Why does the violence of a few mean I no longer have this option available? This makes no sense to me at all.

Im also angry that the casinos are exempt. Why on earth does it make sense to send all the drunk people of the city to one place because they can't get in anywhere else? And why should the casino benefit when 100s of restaurants bars etc have been closed?

Finally, I don't go out partying very often these days... but when I do Id like to be able to relax and not worry about where we need to be and by when to make sure we aren't locked out. Its a disgrace, these laws are killing the vibrancy of this city's nightlife. It makes Sydney an international embarrassment. Having spent a recent weekend in Melbourne I was shocked by how relaxed it is there in comparison.

Please look at better options for managing the safety of the city without locking it down: better alcohol education...; better nighttime transport out of busy areas; more police on the street; longer jail sentences for offenders.

Stop punishing the majority of respectful residents because a few cannot control their behavior.

Thanks

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