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Sydney liquor laws

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The NSW lockout laws have seriously affected my livelihood, sense of freedom and has severely hindered Sydney's culture.

I'm currently a nursing student studying at UTS and the only time I can work to make money during compulsory unpaid clinical placement is on the weekends in the hospitality industry. This means studying, and working 7 days a week! However now with the lockout laws, my weekend shifts are cut to 3hr shifts only. That means I make just over \$100 a week. Centrelink helps but nowhere near the amount required to rent, eat and live in Sydney!

My work colleagues now deal with angry clientele as we're trying our hardest to get as many people into the venue in only 3hrs, but now we have to scan each ID as well which slows down the process. Sydney was never an aggressive or frustrated society, but now it is! You can feel it just walking down the street.. People shaking their heads in disbelief of what our great city has turned into.

These laws have done more than hindered me. They have forced my friends businesses to close and myself and others to lose jobs.

Blanket laws that force the public to be punished for the actions of a few is poor and lazy governance.

Harsher punishment for those that commit crimes, smarter policing of the streets, more visual police on the streets.

Please stop punishing the public who do not commit crimes, who go out at night to dance and enjoy themselves, and those that need the night culture to work and live. Treat us like adults!

Thank you,

Shana McLean