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Lockout law review: Negative impacts on myself and my community

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Hi there,

I was encouraged by friends and colleagues to submit a short statement regarding my views of the lockout laws in Sydney in the hopes that it will help lead to the laws being abolished.

Since the lockout laws have been in place, I have seen numerous favorite venues close across the CBD, Kings Cross and Surry Hills. I have seen many a high profile investor from overseas gob smacked that they cannot order a 12 year old scotch-on-the-rocks at a black tie charity event without having to mix it with cola. I have seen my friends and myself change from being proud of our once vibrant city to recommending Melbourne as the destination of choice.

Our city needs to take steps of successful progressive cities like Melbourne, encouraging the night time economy and becoming a truly 24 hour global city.

I firmly believe that the lockout laws should be removed. They do little to prevent alcohol related violence, stunt economic growth and ruin the city's culture and reputation. The clearly corrupt intentions behind the laws and refusal of the state government to budge on the subject exacerbates the negative impacts, damages public trust in the state government, and removes the emphasis communities should place on personal responsibility.

Kind regards,

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