

# Please, keep Sydney open

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To: Liquor Law Review <[liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au)>;

To whom it hopefully concerns,

My name is Oscar and I'm one of the owners/operators of Young Henrys Brewing, a 4 year old Newtown microbrewery.

I'm writing this short note to say that our business and the businesses of many of our customers and friends have been directly financially affected by the lock out laws. As a Brewing business we saw our sales go down dramatically within the lock out zone once it was put into affect, obviously all of our customers sales have gone down too. We felt the flow on affect of that.

Many of our customers and friends that work at hospitality venues have also been affected in the way that after a shift it is now not possible for them to get into a pub or a bar for an after work drink on a saturday night.

Please note, all of the venues/businesses I am talking about in this email are in my experience and opinion responsible, secure and safe venues that welcome friendliness and fun but always maintain their RSA policy. I am not speaking for all venues/nightclubs within the lockout zone.

It seems that the greater population have had to pay the price for a few peoples idiocy and I don't feel like the lock out laws have actually addressed the problem of violence or anti-social behaviour. The fact that all of the 'Coward punch' incidents have occurred on the street makes me think that locking people out of venues isn't working. The fact that venues get strikes against their license for incidents if they involve the police is surely a deterrent for venues to make that call when they refuse, eject or have an issue with someone. Surely a better solution lies in police and security working together in these scenarios rather than a venue moving a potential issue person off into the night.

Thanks for your time and hopefully, your consideration of my points.

Many thanks,

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