

Keep Sydney Open

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

I moved to Sydney in 2008, from the South Coast, to attend University at UNSW in Randwick. During this point in my life it was a vibrant and exciting city, with good services, night life and events. I moved to Melbourne for 2 years (2011-2012) and observed how efficiently the city ran down there. Small bars open all night, safe streets, fantastic public transport, great restaurants etc. Upon returning to Sydney (2013) for work I was excited as the same sort of great establishments were starting to pop up everywhere. And it was great to get to rediscover the new places in exciting city again, with all that had changed. I always felt safe and do not believe any change regarding licencing laws was necessary despite the spin the media put on everything, and peoples over-reactions.

Since the (knee-jerk reaction) lock-out laws have been introduced, Sydney has been destroyed. There is no where to go to enjoy a night out. The streets are deserted and restaurants empty (on Friday Night!). There is nothing to do in this city anymore. Restaurants, shops, pubs and clubs are all closing down. And no-one bothers to go out and spend any money because the Liberal government has decided everyone now has a curfew and are not allowed the freedom to enjoy themselves (besides within the lockout exclusion zone - the casino- are you kidding me!!!! talk about corruption).

When I travel I am embarrassed to say I am from Sydney. The whole world is aware of the suppressing nanny state you have inflicted onto us and it is laughable to consider travelling to Sydney anymore. (Why would any tourist come here now?)

There are always going to be the lowest common denominators in society, but don't let them ruin it for the 4.3 million others of us in this city who just want a basic human right: freedom.

These laws are disgusting and embarrassing, and clearly ineffective. (I'm not even going to begin on the statistics)

Remove them immediately or this city will crumble into nothing.

Regards,
A concerned citizen