

Independent Review: Liquor law reforms

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To: Liquor Law Review; ↕



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ATTENTION: Independent review of the impact of liquor law reforms.

Re: Impacts of the 1.30am lock out and 3am cessation of liquor sales requirements.

I write as a resident of Kings Cross/Potts Point, Sydney NSW

1. a. Alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour in Kings Cross Precinct

The lock-outs have had a profoundly **positive impact** on the local area and community of Potts Point. But simple and straight to the point the ecology has changed for the better. The quantitative research within the framework of the methods delineated and the conclusions draw are a very strong indicator of the positive effects. The mass funneling of greater Sydney population into a 1.4sq km area was a local and Sydney wide planning and liquor law and gaming licensing disaster. The number of licensed premise, combined with an imported gangster-hipster popular culture and Kings Cross's deep and old connections to the criminal underworld including the newer party drugs means unacceptable health and criminal justice consequences. Unacceptable policing consequences and unacceptable human costs. The lock-out laws have allowed other new businesses start entering the area with an outcome of the changes to the ecology of the business as usually regime of the last 15 years. The lock out laws have started to restore a reasonable balance to the area which means that the street safety has returned to Friday and Saturday nights in Potts Point, Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay, Woolloomooloo and Darlinghurst. The lock out laws in King Cross have however not controlled the unlicensed and TOTALLY unregulated backpacker "**Ibiza**" style Alcohol and anti social behavior, but it has curbed it considerble as the restriction of take away hours thishas been very effective to this group of consummers.

b. safety and general amenity in the Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct, Kings Cross Precinct,

and potential displacement areas;

Legitimate businesses have a right to prosper but not at the cost of public health and safety. The adaptive agile businesses are already replacing the a Vietnam War R&R corruption with a culture comparable with the surrounding areas such as Edgecliff, Elizabeth Bay and Double Bay to the east, Darlinghurst to the south and Woollahooloo to the west. Change the perception of the culture to having a "good time" even if this means engaging with their neighbours and neighbourhoods and communities about what is acceptable, the Cross and Potts Point has always been amenable to otherness, but not the descending 35,000 patrons into chaotic and uncontrollable mix of alcohol and youthful inexperience.

As a previous resident of Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay and Potts point and had not idea how bad it was until moving in to [REDACTED] It was not safety to go out doors on the weekend. I was never really sure what to expect but I always was prepared, I always to my camera phone and be perhaps to witness an assault and worst. Its not and never was an acceptable plan to concentrate 24 hours a day licensed venue in one small local, spread it out and you will be able to slowly ease the lockout restrictions.

government, industry and community stakeholders, including business financial and social
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es continue to trade
after 3am when alcohol service ceases).

I am a supporter of the lock outs but **I am not a supporter of the onerous demands, expenses and regulations (not matched by the city venues) put on the small bars or venues in Kings Cross** (which most of us residents support and would like to see more of). I don't think there is a problem of venues trading after 3am when alcohol service cease.

2. The positive and negative impacts of the 10pm takeaway liquor restriction across NSW, with particular regard to be had to the needs of rural and remote communities, and the social and economic impacts of the restriction on those communities.

I buy alcohol but before 10pm not that hard.... even if you rural and remote communities.

3. The review will consider the impact of the periodic licensing system on business viability and vibrancy.

I'm in support of the periodic licensing system that encourages responsible trading and care for patrons and is not prohibitively expensive for operators. It should continue. The periodic licensing system must remain, we periodical renew our license to drive etc, same thing goes for ALL licensed premises

Background checks should be mandatory for ALL licensed premises and the costs pass on the vendors. If business cost the community then the the community has the duty to reclaim those costs.

Sincerely,

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