

Review of Sydney's Night Time Trading Regulations

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

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to support the review into the relatively recent changes to Sydney's Night Trading regulations and your consideration of the follow on adverse impacts on the local area.

In response to a few appalling and heavily publicised acts of violence in the local area a number of trial amendments were made to local regulations governing nighttime trading - most notably lock outs and changes to closing times.

According to some commentary from advocates for the changes these were to address the aforementioned highly publicised violent incidents. However the specific link between the incidents themselves and the actual trading hours permissible at the time was never made. Since the changes, claims of success have again not established a causal link between trading hours and such incidents. Some reduction in adverse behaviour is likely given that so much activity has relocated to ousted the trial area but this does not prove causation.

Do we wish to allow late night entertainment activity to be legal within NSW? If so then surely as a long term established entertainment district Kings Cross/Darlinghurst should be an area where this is allowed. If people break the law, prosecute them but don't take away the legal individual freedoms of the many as a response to the actions of the few, especially as no direct casual link has been made between incident and rule changes.

As an owner and local resident I find the recent changes to have been a well intentioned but misdirected overreaction and would support a return to the pre-existing regulations. I also support enforcement of the long existing laws and regulations to manage public behaviour.

I am happy to be contacted about this matter and would appreciate acknowledgement of this email and being kept informed as the review progresses.

Regards

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