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Submission for Lockout Laws

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my distress in in the laws that are being imposed in Sydney in regards to the lockout laws. I myself are from Melbourne, and have been in the hospitality industry for more than 20 years. Over he years, I have worked very hard, finishing work beyond the midnight mark, and I have enjoyed countless nights enjoying a drink , some food and dancing after 1.30 am as that would usually be around the time that I would be arriving. Not everyone that is out beyond 1.30 is drunk or out of control, as a matter of fact it is a very small minority - it always has been. There is a very large portion of people that do not go out before midnight. There is a very large portion of people that are not interested in getting drunk and out of control.I have never been to a club, or bar, and been out of control, and I spent 4 nights a week going out clubbing for a good 15 years.

I lived through Melbourne trying this lockout theory, I didn't work. It actually fuelled violence as people where unable to join friends, it created angry people out on the streets at the same time, who then began fighting with each other.

I have also spent many a weekend in Sydney for the sole purpose of going out. I do not want to stop enjoying those times, they have been really good times with no trouble at all even though I have stayed out all night and into the morning. I have been a member of the nightlife scene for many years and I am not by any stretch of the imagination a lower class member of the society because I like to drink alcohol beyond 1.30am.

Really, where are we going with all of these rules and regulations created by the minority who usually are not even an active part of what they are regulating. Are we going to become a socialist country where we are told what to and not to enjoy????

I can only hope that my letter can become a part of a consideration to change the course of action on this matter.

Kind regards

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