

Submission to the review of alcohol

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

I would like to make a submission concerning two issues.

First:

My "lived experience" as a resident of [REDACTED] since 2003.

Before the lock-out laws were introduced I regularly faced verbal abuse and physical intimidation in this neighbourhood both at night and also on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

One incident I will never forget is a 2 litre bottle of lemonade being hurled out of a convenience store on Darlinghurst road on a Sunday morning at 1030am with the aimed at someone else on the footpath but missing the side of my head by under 10cm.

Had it hit me I would have had a lifelong brain injury for doing nothing more than wanting to go to Coles and buy a liter of milk on a Sunday morning.

On another occasion I had to call police at 4am while watching a group of men held a man's arms behind his back so that two women could repeatedly hit him in the face and listening to him scream. Again on Darlinghurst Road.

Since the new laws have been in place, these incidents have stopped. The streets are no longer filled until midday with intoxicated, violent and anti-social people.

The second issue I would like to raise is the furphy about Sydney needing 24 hour trading because it is an "international" city. This is often raised now in the context of other cities such as Amsterdam having Night Mayors, innovative policing and so forth. Amsterdam and almost all other "international" cities (eg London, New York, Rome, Los Angeles) *ALL* have mandated closing times for pubs, and often *earlier* than those currently mandated in parts of Sydney

The idea that somehow not having 24 hour trading makes Sydney look like a laughing stock internationally is a total misconception.

Regards,

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