

Liquor law reviews

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As a Sydney resident who has recently relocated from Perth (3 years ago) I feel that the onerous Liquor laws are destroying the culture of Sydney.

In the three years that I have been here (and prior years that I have visited) I have noticed a significant drop off in the city's vibrancy as hospitality businesses that gave the city life and excitement are being forced out to be replaced by sterile unattractive property development.

The lockout laws themselves don't affect me greatly as I have no huge desire to go out after 3 am however it is obvious that the cumulative effect of the the liquor laws are forcing bars and pubs out of business meaning that there are very limited options available for heading out for a quiet enjoyable drink.

Safe friendly pubs with great atmosphere and vibe (such as forresters) have been forced to shut down. These venues greatly enrich the culture of Sydney and their disappearance is a great tragedy.

Small businesses should be assisted rather than smothered and our culture should have more value than monetary gain from property development. Sydney is a thriving, wealthy city where the people work hard so that they can enjoy a good lifestyle. Removing the cultural vibrancy takes away the lifestyle balance that was once available.

I used to think Sydney was the best city in Australia to live in and probably one of the best City's in the world. Unfortunately I no longer feel the same way and am seriously considering a move elsewhere as I feel the city is turning into a sterile depressing environment as high rise property development fills the spaces left behind by our now destroyed cultural attractions.

In addition to the destruction of the City's culture the excessive government intervention infringes on the freedom and rights of NSW citizens to enjoy themselves as adults and creates a very depressing and restrictive environment.

Surely there are other measures to control violence that do not have such a significant impact on the city's local business and culture.

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