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Hi,

I am a registered nurse, a resident of Sydney and a former frequenter of the Kings Cross precinct and i would like to register my absolute opposition to the lock out laws as they stand. I believe that these laws are not addressing the problem they were hoping to and in their wake are killing Sydney's night life.

I think the arguments and statistics supporting these laws are flawed for a few reasons. Firstly, from your own statistics, the reduction in foot traffic is obviously the cause of the reduction of assaults in the area. So really there hasn't been a reduction in the proportion of assaults to people visiting the area, just a reduction people and therefor a reduction in assaults.

Secondly, the increase in small bars and restaurants over the last few years is great but they also doesn't cater for the young people of Sydney who frequented the night clubs that have closed. These venues from my experience attract an older crowd (25-40 yrs old) plus are quite expensive. The argument that these small bars and restaurants are a good substitute for the night clubs is wrong and doesn't provide the same social experience that dancing at night clubs does.

The violence in my view is absolutely unacceptable and the tragic deaths of the young people that were king hit is horrible. As an intensive care nurse i fully understand the consequences of the violence. But i also believe that these laws are not addressing the violence in the area in a helpful way and in the mean time they are causing the loss of a huge part of what makes Sydney Sydney.

I also think that the exclusion of the casinos from these laws is a disgusting insight into the true allegiance of the NSW government to big business.

Kind regards,

Vicky Muir