

Liquor Law review - I WANT MY CITY BACK

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

Dear Mr Callinan,

My name is Daniel. I'm an Industrial Engineer with a master's degree in Logistics from Sydney University. I'm a white collar professional and it's with great disappointment that I humbly address you today. I came to Sydney as a foreign student 5 years ago and I have witnessed with great sadness the change in Sydney since the introduction of the lock out rules and the ridiculous state-wide 10pm restriction on take-away liquor sales and the annual liquor license fee program. I'm a well-travelled individual and this doesn't happen in the best cities in the world.

I became an Australian citizen last year, and I'm very proud of that, however the leadership in this state is a blemish in an otherwise wonderful country. I cannot comprehend how you can blame and punish the vast majority of Sydneysiders for the errors of a few. One of the reasons why I came to this city was its international reputation and how vibrant and lively the people and the nightlife used to be. Nowadays, it just seems like we are controlled on how much we drink, what time are we allowed to drink, where to drink, and even what we drink.

I am completely against the 1:30 lockout. WHY?

There are many ways of tackling alcohol fueled violence. E.g. more police on the street, enhanced CCTV on drinking premises, harsh penalties/ban for trouble makers, specialized night police.

I am completely against the 10pm take away alcohol selling restriction. WHY?

It's the most ridiculous law, assuming that not selling alcohol after 10pm will change behavior later at night. People work night shifts and deserve to have a glass of wine after a long day. Where's this country's free will. Why do we need to be treated like children? Why 10pm, based on what principle? How can you prove the correlation between this law and the reduction on alcohol fueled violence?

In summary, I feel embarrassed to call Sydney home at the moment, the nightlife is dead, business are closing, jobs are lost, tourism is affected and all you are doing is making prohibitive laws instead of taking a more progressive approach.

I urge you to take action, review the laws and let us have our city back.

Thanks

Daniel