



# Submission - newDemocracy Foundation

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Good morning,

We thought it may inform the Review process to bring to your attention the results of a Citizens' Jury process conducted in 2014. It was commissioned from the Office of the Premier of NSW and the Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney. Notably, we had also previously undertaken an identical exercise from Premier Weatherill in South Australia in less contentious circumstances.

The newDemocracy Foundation is a non-partisan, non-issue aligned approved research institute trialling improved methods of public decision making in an effort to restore trust to our democracy. Our contention is that public opinion drives intersects with the electioneering imperative resulting in less than optimal decisions. We use juries of everyday people roughly matched to the Census profile (by age, gender, home owner/ tenant) to get representative groups of people beyond just the advocated interests on either side of a topic. We aim to replace public opinion with public judgment.

Having deliberated for over 40 hours across nearly three months they found common ground on the following points and their report may prove of interest to the Review -  
[http://www.newdemocracy.com.au/docs/activeprojects/20140409\\_Citizens%20Jury%20Report\\_final.pdf](http://www.newdemocracy.com.au/docs/activeprojects/20140409_Citizens%20Jury%20Report_final.pdf)

Please note that Recommendations 21-25 focus on the lockout laws, and you will also see (following that) the array of submissions and experts called on to inform the group.

We are happy to appear before the Review to explain the methodology if requested.

With thanks,  
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