



# The Impact vs Benefit

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I welcome a review into the lockout laws. One where all the facts are on the table. Where a comprehensive analysis of the impacts are measured and proper assessment of the cost versus benefit.

I'm a 12 year resident of [REDACTED] and I'm very saddened by what I have seen over the past two years in the Kings Cross area. I was one of the more vocal residents who would call Kings Cross Police Station on Saturday or Sunday morning at 2am when the traffic on Macleay St started using their horns, requesting my right to enjoy a peaceful night sleep. But dividing the issues between things which are working and which are not working in a congested area is important. Many residents in the area are of advancing age, and they do not divorce the two issues. People can go out and enjoy themselves without there being traffic noise and honking of horns at 3am. People can go out drinking and enjoying themselves without incident as well. Ensuring that the correct solution is given to a problem is important.

Instituting a zone where people cannot drink late only transfers the problem. We are not getting down to the fundamental behavioural issue as to why we as Australians drink to excess. This is an education process, sometimes with slow to achieve results as most behavioural change is. I know that my attitudes to wearing a seatbelt were shaped at a very young age when a quadriplegic visited our school to discuss what had happened to him as a result of not wearing a seatbelt. The impact stayed with me for life.

Please assess the laws without bias. While the number of people being treated at St Vincent's ER is going down, what is happening to the numbers in neighbouring hospitals particularly those in the inner west impacted by the increase in violence at Newtown & Pyrmont.

Long term education to elicit behaviour change may not give you a short term response which can be communicated to the media, but it is the correct course of action.

Don't transfer the problem, instead deal with it.

My neighbourhood has changed for the worse. We are no longer a desirable city to visit for under 50s. And what really is the point of that if we are not fixing the problem?

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