Hello there,

From my point of view - the biggest impact of the lock out laws for me, is a cultural strangulation. The night time space in any city is fundamental and key it’s social fabric and culture. Without a vibrant and creative nightlife - you can not have a vibrant and creative culture.

An effervescent culture is even MORE important for a city like Sydney, than many other cities around the world - because we are a YOUNG culture. We’re only 200 years old (or thereabouts). We’re still very much discovering who we are. We need the night time space to help facilitate this growth, and also to pour organic fertiliser upon our societal self-development.

There are no statistical gains from any of this. However, Sydney will never blossom - culturally or internationally - without a nightlife that better represents who we are a personality.

See my article here for more thoughts around this (Liked nearly 3K times).

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