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The Dock

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My names is Daniel Oleary, I have been a SYDNEY resident for almost 15 years and I own a small bar in Redfern called the Dock. I truly belief that these restrictions will slowly see our city suffer a slow and painful cultural death.

Everyday I am forced to apologise to an international community of bewildered tourists who are shocked and appalled by there lack of rights to freedom of choice. Because of the pressures on venues staff are forced to treat visiting adults like children.

These tourists will not return to SYDNEY. Exciting minds and invaluable long term SYDNEY residents are leaving.

I can offer you countless examples of family's, bachelors and small business owners etc that won't stand for this city taking away their right to take responsibility for their own lives.

We crave the urban intrigue...the night, the music, to dance, to talk...

It's an essential part of a cities delicate Eco system and if it's taken from us we will find it elsewhere and Sydney will be left wanting.

Human beings need to exercise their right to make their own mistakes. Take responsibility for their own lives.

If you enforce too many boundaries/parameters/restrictions etc...We will revolt. We will loose the compulsion to feel responsible and focus only on breaking rules.

The key is education not restriction. Big picture not little picture.

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