

Submission regarding Lock-out laws in Sydney

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Hello,

I would like to express my disagreement with the lock-out laws in Sydney as they currently stand. They are killing many small businesses and spelling the end of much of Sydney's nightlife. They are also creating embarrassment for those of us who have to explain them to foreign visitors, and overall 'bad publicity' for Sydney. Recently, a friend of mine from Canada had the misfortune of ordering a scotch on the rocks at 12:15am at a bar on Oxford Street. He was informed that he would be required to drink his scotch with mixer, as it had gone past midnight. This type of thing brings nanny-statism to ridiculous extremes, and appears absurd to anyone coming from a place where ordering a straight scotch at a reasonable hour is not considered illegal (i.e. most of the world aside from Saudi Arabia and similar countries). Surely there are other options for reducing street violence that would involve treating adults like adults rather than children as is clear from the current legislation.

I hope this review will lead to a loosening of the lock-out laws, and their replacement with other measures that are less cumbersome and frankly embarrassing for the vast majority of the population.

Regards.

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