

Lockout laws are having a negative impact on Sydney City

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a citizen of Sydney who is deeply concerned that the lockout laws are negatively impacting our city. Sydney is considered one of the great cities of the world in more ways than one. We use to have a vibrant night life worst boasting about. Warm friendly bars where people went to mingle and make new friends as they listen to new unique Australian talent. All of this is fading under the recent restrictions. People are hesitant to go out, knowing they are forced to choose one venue and many of the once famous bars have closed down.

The issue is bigger then just artistic integrity. We are a country who values our freedoms and this law directly impacts on the freedom of people to spend there night as they wish, as well as freedom and rights of bars to make a living by providing an eclectic market place for music, dance and arts to thrive. We say Sydney is becoming a 24-7 city. Looking to increase productivity. Well, forcing doors shut, people out of bars and impeding civil liberties is one way to make sure that never becomes a reality.

I write today to ask that the lock out laws be revoked in their entirety and instead that we find a policy / plan to make streets safe, whilst also encouraging night life to thrive.

Kind regards,

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