

Effects of the lockout laws

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wanted to briefly assert the injustice that has been caused by the lockout laws. As an example, there is an annual historical festival near Mittagong over Easter, and every year for the past few decades, a temporary license has been obtained for a tavern. A small establishment such as this could not afford the new security it was mandated to have under the new laws, and so was not able to run this year. Instead of making this event safer, the laws meant de-localised drinking, causing people to (entirely legally) bring their own alcohol and drink to excess without supervision. The license at this event made people drink safely and helped everyone have a good time without getting hurt.

I think it is clear in this case that the lockout laws have caused more harm than good.

Sincerely
Alexandra Pardey