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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the current legislation regarding the lockout laws in Sydney, and my support to have them removed in the upcoming review.

I reside in Sydney's Inner East and the changes to the neighbourhood are astounding. I am walking past "dead" spaces where businesses once flourished due to night time patronage. I no longer feel safe walking along Oxford St, through Darlinghurst, and Kings Cross any time after 9pm.

You could say that the lockout laws have made the inner suburbs much more unsafe for the public.

I also feel that the lockouts have pushed "unsavoury groups" into the nearby suburbs. Newtown, for example on a Saturday night is awful, the groups of [largely] males who harass females and anyone who represents themselves as gay/lesbian/bi is disgusting. Another place where I now do not feel safe walking down the street.

I feel that the laws came about through a knee-jerk reaction from the government, coupled with poor planning and consultation from supporting bodies (NSW Police, St Vincents hospital, Office of Liquor & Gaming etc) and has unfairly resulted in a mess of oppression.

Sydney is not a world city. How is it that Paris, London, New York, Berlin and Amsterdam have excellent night time economies and Sydney cannot?

People who commit the one-punch crimes and violent people in general need to be punished correctly. Not the general public. Education is the key, not oppressing a whole state because of the actions of violent people.

Blanket rules to halt any form of entertainment in the CBD will undoubtedly be the death of Sydney's vibrancy. I do not think that going to Star City Casino is a valid form of suggested night-time entertainment when this encourages gambling. The public should be insulted that this was even suggested on Q&A last month.

It seems that the government is not spending much time and effort solving domestic violence issues, or gambling issues. Just covering them up with a Band-Aid. How about fixing these, instead of punishing the general public?

Regards,

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