

# Lockout Laws

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to notify you of my opposition to the Lockout Laws that have been enforced in Sydney over the last two years. I want to preface this email by saying i believe the laws came from a good place and were bought in to help reduce violence and make sydney a safer place.

How ever i do feel that these laws definitely go over the top in trying to solve the problem and have had way too much collateral damage on people's personal rights and liberties, economic and cultural activities and the cities vibrancy and reputation.

So many people have been affected adversely by these laws, so many businesses and jobs lost. So many potential careers in the creative industries unrealised due to not having a platform to craft their skills. The rights of citizens eroded. So many Sydneysiders and international visitors denied the experience of a fun night out, dancing, meeting new people and finding love etc.

Finally the ability to live in a society where we have the personal liberties to live a happy and fulfilled life without the state regulating every part of our lives.

I do hope that these laws are repealed and replaced with measures that help keep people safe and allow for a vibrant and enjoyable nighttime economy in our city. Such measures include; increased police presence, cctv, 24 hour public transport, better sentencing etc.

We want Sydney to be a safe place but also a place that is a cultural powerhouse. A place that music, art and idea flourish, a place where people can have fun, learn, experience and feel fulfilled. Under the current climate of over regulation and poor governance that is currently unachievable.

Thank you

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