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The Honourable Ian Callinan AC

Liquor Law Review

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SYDNEY. NSW

Dear Mr Callinan

I am writing in support of the NSW Government's liquor laws including lock outs and last drinks.

As an older resident, until the recent lock out laws were introduced my friends and I were often reluctant to go into the city, particularly George Street at night because of the perceived threats to our safety. In the early parts of the evening, the areas around George Street were very pleasant. However, after attending shows or dinner the atmosphere in the surrounds of George Street was palpably threatening – many groups of apparently inebriated young people who often were out of control. Since the introduction of the laws and visiting the city I have felt a noticeable improvement in the late night time environment, for which I am very grateful. The area is still extremely busy – lots of people around – but with not the same level of intoxication and therefore a much better feeling of safety for us.

Experts have recognised that reducing trading hours of pubs and clubs encourages people to head out earlier and without getting drunk before leaving their houses. The reduction in violence has also been significant with St Vincents Hospital recently announcing 60% drop in facial surgeries due to alcohol injuries and that can only be a good thing.

It would be a travesty to undo this positive outcome.

Yours sincerely

Janine Pate, Justice of the Peace