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# Lockout Laws

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To whom it may concern,

I am a Sydneysider currently on an exchange in Stockholm.

Often I find myself in conversations with other international students on exchange comparing different night-lives and cultures. When this topic arises, I tend to keep quiet, because Sydney's nightlife is almost non-existent.

When I inform my friends about the lockout laws, they are always shocked to hear that such a law exists, especially those from Europe as a lot of nightclubs don't actually open until after 1-2am.

I am not doubting that there is an alcohol and violence problem in Australia. What I am doubting, is the method used by the NSW Government to address this problem. Restricting the entrance into night clubs is only a short-term solution for a long-term problem.

The vast majority of patrons who attend night clubs are behaved. Unfortunately, there will always be trouble-makers. It is impossible to legislate to prevent the deaths of those who are coward punched by the trouble-makers. These deaths will sadly continue to occur, with or without the lockout laws. In order to prevent these deaths, longer-term solutions need to be implemented such as addressing the problematic alcohol culture in Australia.

Regards  
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