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Dear Hon. Callinan,

The current approach to the issue of alcohol related violence in New South Wales has had a drastic impact on the night life there. All that has happened in closures and unemployment. I am a Victorian who spends a lot of time in NSW, I have seen how two different States have taken two different approaches, and it is my State of Victoria that has seen the best outcome.

As a humble Victorian, who saw that lockout laws did not achieve anything, my two cents into this debate is that the Victorian approach needs to be taken. That is, removing any lockout laws and service restrictions, but implementing a who new system of service and surveillance. The first is that 24-hour public transport be implemented, as has happened here. To great success I may add. The other is a greater police presence in the street. Bigger fines for breaching liquor licences, and more RSA officers, to crack down on rogue traders and those who are continuing to serve intoxicated patrons. Further would be to better train bartenders and staff in how to recognise intoxication and looking after those who are drunk. We did it here, and we have had no major problems since. We also have the best night life in the Country, with many venues open until the early hours of the morning.

As for the closure of bottle shops at 10PM. That is just crazy and needs to go.

I hope these simple suggestions are considered.

Regards,

James Penny.

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