

# Liquor law review inputs

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Hello and thank you for conducting the review.

This is my personal input as a non-business owner.

I have been an inner-Sydney dweller for over 2 decades. I moved to Sydney from Brisbane primarily because Sydney was becoming a truly international city with exceptional night life and a culture of joy, celebration and the importance of a multi-faceted lifestyle.

Since the introduction of the lock-out laws as well as the 10pm bottle shop closure laws I have watched 2 formerly gregarious entertainment spots, Kings Cross and Oxford St, literally close down and empty. The spirit of both spots and the contribution they both made to Sydney culture has now gone. It needs to be returned.

It is unacceptable that the casinos of the Packer Family are exempt from the lockout laws, even though they are located in the same areas that all other businesses that serve alcohol are not exempt. It feels as though the exemption they have been given is to drive all Sydney CBD late night drinking to the Casinos, which would increase their alcohol serving business, their profits from gambling, and do nothing to support the diversity of hundreds of Sydney venues that previously helped make us an international city, but have since closed down.

When I have an international guest ask me to pick somewhere fascinating, unusual and specific to Sydney to take them out at night during their visit, I no longer have anywhere open I can recommend.

Please change the lockout laws and bring back the international city status we previously had but have since lost.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,  
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Sent from my iPhone