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Lockout law review

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Hi team,

Please accept my opinion of the lockout laws below.

I am not in favour of the lockout laws in Sydney as they are currently. I am *not* a stakeholder, but a member of the general public who occasionally goes out to socialise in these hours

It is about providing better solutions, via people, venues, education, police and government

There must be a better way. Some suggestions to date:

Punish the people who are the problem, not the public / ID in venues and sharing across venues / venues with good records / transport / drinking a little less / not being aggressive / it's about many things on many levels

It should not be about closing good people out of good venues

It is about these people, businesses and jobs

There are tens of thousands of people from all backgrounds who are out socialising and working in these hours, who have fun, and operate and contribute as a normal part of our society.

These laws are restrictive – just one example is people (sober) who finish work at 12 or 1 am, cannot even get to a venue under these restrictions. It is their down time, but are not allowed into a venue because of these laws

Bars that have closed or severely restricted – their staff and lost jobs

Restaurants – as above

Music – Nightclubs, Bands, DJ's – the people who entertain and who dance. Many places now have no atmosphere because people cannot enter or leave

Security / bouncers / door staff

Taxi's and transport

Food venues – and all of their employees

All linked supply companies who are losing trade

Every other large city in the world can do it, Melbourne can do it – but Sydney can't?

These days, we do not go out often around these times, but we have in the past 25 years, and have always felt safe.

I have only witnessed a handful of 'assaults' in the entire time (despite the pedaled TV footage on assaults)

It is important to remember, not everyone who stays out late is drinking, and 99% (approx.) do not cause trouble

There is a whole world of people who go out late at night and are now restricted – there are well behaved people and excellent venues that are not permitted to trade

I am sure the government originally had good intentions, but the delivery is blunt and poor

We all want safety – but we do not need babysitting

It is very tiring to hear politicians and police pedaling the same old lines and speaking on our behalf – that I am now safer etc

Let's not forget - it's just hard to believe a politician – like the one who introduced the laws – and resigned in disgrace after being caught lying on another subject. Their credibility has diminished

With respect, these people have never been to the places they speak of (and seem to want the rest of the community to live like them and go to bed early)

They forget, some people's work cycles are the opposite to us daytime workers

The police usually only see the bad, and present mostly this, because that is what they mostly see and have to deal with (vs the good)

It's the police and the politicians who stand up and have the majority of the voice, but will sometimes cherry pick info to sell their message and self promote what a great job they are doing

In general the public applauds the communication and respects the job the police have to do

It is not balanced to see footage of fights, though the deaths of the innocent victims does deserve air time

It is very unlikely that these laws would have prevented the previous deaths

Mr Michael Christie (father on one punch victim Daniel) – among his many sensible observations, says the laws have been politicised in his sons name, and while we needed a dramatic change, this is not necessarily the correct one

I cannot speak on his behalf nor imagine his grief – but he can still be rational about the issue

It is about personal restrictions, personal freedoms, personal choices – like we are being over

disciplined

Not going where we want, when we want – like every other reasonable and sophisticated city in the world

Love the doctors and nurses who do a great job. They should not be telling us when to go home, and what trading hours should be observed for businesses and patrons (again missing the 99% that are well behaved)

There are still many assaults, where no one is charged

We are the soft targets of these laws – not the perpetrators

By this logic – if someone is killed at the casino – the NSW Government will close them early too?

If there is a death at a football stadium or game, do you shut the stadium? Stop the players from playing the game?

There is an overwhelming amount of objections, articles, organisations and rallies – to our personal freedoms and the restrictions placed on them

Just 1 post alone on Premier Face book there were, 11,000 dislikes, 10 likes? BUT they still deny there is an issue. Are they in touch with the public at all?

New Years Eve – should we just cancel it and all go home! Ridiculous, and embarrassing. Finish the fireworks at 12.30 am and move several hundred thousand people into venues

It really is stupid, and not thought through at all

Map of Sydney – exclusion zone

To any sane person, there is something very wrong with this picture - of why the current and future Casino(s) are excluded. This just stinks and needs review and re explaining to all

It is about the government deciding that we shall only have 1 venue after 1.30am – nothing Big Brother about that...

We would like to know the facts please, especially on the businesses, jobs and key offence data – not the cherry picked information from politicians and police

<http://www.liquorlawreview.justice.nsw.gov.au/Documents/Statutory-review-of-lock-outs-and-last-drinks-Background-Paper-Updated%2021.03.16-2.pdf>

Having said that, you cannot measure atmosphere, which has largely disappeared across the city from our venues

Business (and jobs)

How many Bars have closed? What are their Capacities?

How many Bars open? What are their Capacities?

How many larger Nightclub and music venues closed? What are their Capacities?

There is no hiding many venues have closed – including some Sydney icons. Many remaining are critically down on trade and may follow suit on current trajectory

The city has no life like it used to

AGAIN, how many venues have to close before the gov admits there is an issue?

Their argument is small bars increasing (not filling the gap)

The laws actually encourage some people to binge drink (if that's your preference) and run around like idiots, trying to get into venues before 'lockout'

Key offence data / Assaults figures

Area by area before and after - these look like they were on a downward trajectory before lockout laws....

Are these figures being twisted? ie there are less people on the streets now..

It seems there is still a proportionate amount of assaults

A bit of irony – Melbourne in now advertising in Sydney as a night time destination..

Have only included this link to the SBS TV program on the issue

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/thefeed/lockouts?cid=sbs:thefeed1:keyword:20160317:sem>

Have read most articles for and against and happy to supply more if required – though I'm sure you will be aware of these or receiving them from others

In summary, people I know would like a better solution, we want everyone to be safe, rather than the door slammed in our face..

Many thanks