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Lockout laws: Personal submission

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To Whom it may Concern,

I have been a resident in the  for the past 6 years, I also attended St Vincent's College in Potts Point through secondary school so I know the area well and have seen it transform over the last 2 decades.

I have been encouraged to write to you from the 2011 residents association to retain the lockout laws when in fact I wish to share my strong views AGAINST the lockout laws introduced in February 2014.

I certainly agree that there are problems with the drinking culture in Sydney and wider Australia, but this is certainly not a reason to prevent nightlife! Rather it's a reason to look into what can assist in mending that culture - making public transport available 24hrs (at a greater cost would be worth it over a Sydney cab!), creating events and spaces that do not revolve around alcohol and that are free, having a deeper conversation with the community.

Since the lockout laws have come into affect I have been feeling increasingly UNSAFE in my local area because of the reduction of people traffic and life in the city - the streets are empty and there is more chance of being found completely alone which is far more frightening to me than groups of people who would prevent attacks purely by their presence.

I am also disappointed in its affects culturally and even personally. The fact that I can't host a last minute wine and cheese at home after 10pm without stocking up on wine first takes away any spontaneity! Worse the effect on young party-goers who obviously pre-empt this drought and drink themselves silly before heading out and then vomit or fight which is not promoting any improvements to our drinking culture - rather further degrading it.

I have lived in cities around the world including Barcelona, New York and most recently London and have always felt the safety of numbers out on the town and the vibrancy and opportunity of a 24hr city. We need to focus on the REAL problems here, drinking to a curfew is not solving them.

Please take my thoughts into consideration in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,
Yvonne Pinniger