

Lockout Laws

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To whom it may concern,

We all understand why the government introduced these laws due to a societal panic over growing violence in correlation with alcohol. Unfortunately, there is a misguided view that these laws have been effective, Star city casino is a perfect example and is now the most violent venue in Sydney. If the laws were about public safety and trying to subside the growing violence in NSW, then why is this venue and the Barangaroo site not part of this? Surely in this day and age with all the technology available to us there can be transparent and amicable outcome that can be arranged, which will benefit local business and public safety.

Clearly with the current laws it has not addressed the actual issue of dealing with violence in relation to alcohol, looking at this issue from a sociological point of view and trial and error. An example could be introducing 24 hour transport and installing devices that reads an individual's licence when entering a venue, if they cause a disturbance or commit a violent crime, depending on the severity, ban the individual from that particular area for a certain amount of time, which will hinder them to enter any venue in that area. Its a trial and error based approach which could develop certain strategies and legislation that will benefit society as a whole. I was a former supervisor at Hugo's Lounge in Kings Cross, which was the safest venue in the area and adhered to all the rules and regulations and could not deal with the damage the laws took on the business. In reality i feel this problem will only become more problematic until funding into education around these topics will raise awareness into the damage of violence and binge drinking, until the government acknowledges the issue head on, this problem will never get resolved, just pushed around like we have seen from Star City.

Kind Regards,

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Sent from my iPad