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AGAINST lockout laws

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I think lockout laws are harmful to the city because:

1. They are ineffectual.

Although assaults are down 50% (in Kings Cross) foot traffic is down 80% - making the area MORE dangerous for any one person.

2. They harm businesses.

Young people (eg. students) loose their service jobs, nightclubs and bars shut down and there are limited nightlife options for shift workers or businessmen working late.

3. They are hypocritical.

The Star and Barangaroo are exempt.

4. They are unnecessary.

BEFORE the lockout laws were introduced Sydney had one of the safest nightlives in the world.

5. They drive me away from Sydney.

The conversion of Kings Cross and surrounding areas into a late night shopping district aimed at attracting middle aged people gives young people fewer options to engage with their peers and the wider community and drives them out of the CBD. In a city where I am already locked out of the housing market, it does not encourage me to build a future here after I complete my degree.

I am also against mandatory minimum sentencing - on both a moral level, and given what happened in the US (rise in incarcerations for petty or minor offenses).

Kind Regards,

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