

Submission

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

Hey!

As someone who lives / works and breathes in the heart of the lockout laws (Kings Cross) i could name 1000 reasons as to why i believe they are ineffective / unjust and ultimately detrimental to our city and our reputation. Instead, i'll keep it short and just point out a few.

*Business (not even considering nightclubs) have struggled and SO many have shut down (over 80 i believe) taxi companies / food / convenience stores etc.

*Driving people to the casino anytime after 130am is not only money making but it is SO dangerous. The links between gambling / alcohol abuse and by extension violence and domestic violence are proven. This goes against the very essence of why the laws are in place (for safety) and is a massive contradiction.

*Our international reputation is on the slide - as someone who works in a venue where we host a 'internationals' night once a week- I've been able to witness first hand how Sydney's reputation has been negatively impacted.

*Ultimately, the violence happens ON THE STREET - not in the venues, and it is the venues, business owners and general public who have been punished for not allowing these patrons through the doors.

It is clear then, that the changes need to happen in public, and whilst we cant simply demand 'more police officers,' we can suggest these things:

- More CCTV across Sydney city
- Stronger lighting in busy areas
- A structured communication line between venues and police
- Street entertainers to lift the mood of non-venue dwellers
- Stricter guidelines for alcohol advertising through mainstream media (TV, Outdoor)
- State run education programs on short, mid and long term effects of alcohols and drugs
- Salvation Army recovery stations for intoxicated patrons
- Public toilets
- Introduce education programs that teach young males how to express themselves with words not violent actions and break down this hyper-masculine idea of what it means to be male in this society.
- Re-instate the \$200 daily limit to problem gambling Smart Cards (which Mike Baird changed to \$5000 a day in July 2015)
- 24 hour trains (Melbourne did it, and it worked!)

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

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