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The laws introduced surrounding alcohol fuelled violence in Sydney/NSW have not only completely failed to actually address any real issues surrounding alcohol fuelled violence...they are hurting industries and people that do not deserve to be punished and stripped of freedoms. Bars, pubs, live music venues, restaurants, and more, have been closing down in Kings Cross, Oxford Street and all around the CBD at a scarily consistent rate since the laws have been introduced. Artists, musicians, workers of the hospitality industry, and all kinds of people involved in what made Sydney such a vibrant with a buzzing nightlife are losing jobs, losing space to be creative, and losing the freedom to thrive. Thus, the industries surrounding Sydney's nightlife are eroding. People, especially young people, need to be given freedom to express themselves, and the laws introduced have restricted that freedom greatly. As a young musician i barely get the chance to perform, grow, and express myself. Because of the laws, events in areas such as warehouses are growing all around Sydney; which is surely more dangerous, in terms of alcohol fuelled violence, than licensed establishments with security, RSA workers, and police, all nearby. The laws haven't tackled violence at all. The violent instances which were occurring in Kings Cross have merely shifted to other area's of the city. Living in Newtown, I constantly witness huge amounts of drunk people, people who were once spread out across a vibrant city, and are now all drunk and cramming into one suburb outside of the lockout zone. Violence is now occurring regularly here too. Also, it is absolutely ridiculous that small business' and artists in Sydney are taking the punishment from the few idiots who can't handle their alcohol (something that the vast majority of us can do without any problems). All the while, the Star Casino is able to operate without restrictions, right in the heart of the city, operating as a business that destroys families around NSW, and this is somehow given preferential treatment over arts and nightlife. I am constantly witnessing international musicians being highly disappointed by what is unfolding in Sydney when they arrive here on tour. On a trip to Melbourne recently, i noticed such a vast difference in the quality of city culture. The nightlife there is alive, it is allowed to operate freely, and thus is flourishing. Huge amounts of amazing arts and music is pouring out of that city, and that is because they are given the freedom to do it. The closure of bottle shops at 10PM state-wide in NSW is absurd. We as adult Australians should be able to freely be able to purchase a drink after 10, and not feel like we are somehow doing something wrong for drinking. People work at night, finish their shift, and aren't able to buy a beer, and that is not right. The lockout laws have completely failed in tackling alcohol fuelled violence. They need to be repealed as soon as possible or we will witness the complete death of Sydney's once amazing and vibrant nightlife.