

# Submission to the Independent Review of the Impact of Liquor Law Reforms

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I am a resident of Victoria Street, Kings Cross and have lived here since 1999.

For many years I have worked at St Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, where I have been regularly rostered to start work at 5am.

Over the years my husband would walk me to work at about 4.30am to begin these early shifts.

In the several years before the lockouts/last drinks laws came into force in February 2014, my husband and I noticed a large increase in the numbers of drunken revellers on the streets of Kings Cross during the evenings and early morning hours, especially at the weekends but also on other days.

Groups of drunks would remain in Victoria Street, even at the time we were walking to work (4.30am). On two separate occasions we were confronted by small groups of these people who screamed at the top of their voices in our faces and shook their fists at us while daring us to respond. It was truly frightening and we greatly feared for our safety.

We therefore decided that, from then on and for my safety's sake, I should take a taxi to work each morning from my flat to St Vincent's Hospital when I was doing the early shift. This cost us around \$10 per taxi ride and we would pay this several times per week. This was a lot of money for us but we believed it was vital in order to avoid confrontations with drunkards which could possibly end in a king hit tragedy.

Since the lockout/last drinks laws have come in, it is a lot safer to walk to work in the early morning.

I support the lockout/last drinks laws remaining just as they are. I believe that "lockouts save lives".

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In the years 2008-early2014 my everyday life in my flat was constantly interrupted by drunks going home in the wee hours who were shouting and screaming to each other. Noisy boom boom cars would also cruise along our street pouring reverberating subwoofer music into our flat and

waking us up again.

Every morning the footpaths in our area were constantly covered with vomit and smelling of urine and worse.

Since the introduction of the lockout/last drinks laws, the "amenity" and peaceable enjoyment of our daily lives has returned to what it was before the bad old days of 2008-early 2014 when the Cross was awash in a sea of aggressive and violent drunks.

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