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Submission to the Review of the Liquor Amendment Act 2014 by the Hon. IDF Callinan AC QC 4

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Hello,

As a new resident on a 457 Visa, I moved to Sydney in July 2015 from San Francisco. I live in  and am peaceful participant of the not so vibrant nightlife that currently exists. I'm grateful for the opportunity to make this submission and writing to you because I have personally experienced the impacts that the lockout laws have had on this city – I have seen businesses close in my neighbourhood, have personally been asked to leave after midnights when my friends were visiting from cities like New York, Hong Kong, SF, and LA. I've witnessed the loss of jobs, lamented the lack of places to socialise with my friends and mourned the dwindling opportunities to listen to live, local music. We all agree that safe streets are a priority, but there are better ways to achieve this.

Evidence and common sense suggests that a better planned response could have a greater effect on reducing alcoholrelated violence without having the unintended consequences that the lockout laws have had. The lockout laws have been a failure. What needs to change? The lockout laws have caused irreparable damage to the economic, social and cultural fabric of Sydney. Instead of the 1:30am lockout and 3.00am cease of service, the 7 key actions below should be implemented together to curb the violence and keep Sydney open for all to enjoy.

- 1 Developing bestpractice policing strategies
- 2 Investing in 24/7 public transport
- 3 Implementing integrated urban planning reform
- 4 Encouraging diversification of afterdark activities
- 5 Establishing antiviolence education & intervention campaigns
- 6 Incentivising wellrun venues
- 7 Appointing a Night Mayor

Sincerely,

Danny Raja
Sydney 457 Visa Holder

