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Lock out laws

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To whom it may concern

I feel that the intention of the lockout laws, to make the streets safer, is positive but the methodology is incredibly flawed. I have a neat trick where I could end road fatalities by under 21s, ban them all from driving. Same trick can apply to any age group, it doesn't make anything safer it just avoids the issue. You can't be hurt on the streets if you're not on the streets. If you want to set a curfew about when people should be home let's just call it that.

The lockouts have all but killed Sydney's nightlife pushing partiers into areas where there is no security. Eventually if not already someone will die and that death would have been preventable.

The lockout laws need to be repealed and changes that improve nightlife and safety need to be implemented:

- * 24 hour public transport from kings cross and the like to central
- * more frequent night buses or really, ideally, trains running on a reduced schedule overnight
- * staggered closing times for venues so that not everyone is on the street at the same time
- * additional late night food venues

Friends and even international colleagues are no longer interested in moving to, and working in, Sydney. We are losing our standing as an international city. We are quickly becoming the city that was. In a society of adults, we should be free to set our own bedtimes.

Lockout laws feel much more like a means to siphon money from gamblers at the star than a safety measure. Ban them all together or apply them to the star. The hypocrisy doesn't stack up.

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