

Lockouts

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To whom it may concern,

Prior to the lockout laws being implemented in February 2014, I used to enjoy nights out with friends where we drank in moderation. However, I have found that the 1:30am lockouts are a hindrance to enjoying a night out.

Since this was implemented, it has pushed people to move their nights away from the traditional precincts into places like Newtown. Unfortunately, this is harder to get to and diminishes the general atmosphere of Sydney.

I believe the changes to the CBD were totally unnecessary and a overreach by our state government as venues are already quite spaced out within the CBD, and alcohol-related violence has continued to fall on the same trend line as before they were introduced.

As to the purpose with which the laws were introduced to achieve, I don't think that any of them have been achieved in the CBD precinct.

- a. reduce alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in the precincts;
- b. improve the safety and general amenity in the precincts, particularly late at night; and
- c. reinforce to the community that alcohol-fuelled violence will not be tolerated.

Regards,
Francis.