

# Keep Sydney Open

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To whom it may concern,

I moved here from the UK 6 years ago where I loved the freedom and relaxed culture that allowed the Brits to express who they are. Police are well respected in the UK and are generally seen as community officers who are there to help rather than aggressive foot soldiers that can't be reasoned with.

Since the lockout laws have come in I've began reviewing whether to stay in Sydney or not. When you combine the lock out laws with the new cycling and anti protesting laws NSW is fast becoming a totalitarian state that has little or no respect for it's people.

I think it's grossly short sited to bring in the lock out laws especially when the data and evidence doesn't stack up:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/would-last-person-sydney-please-turn-lights-out-matt-barrie>.

Adding to the fact that vibrant local businesses are closing down, the local music scene is suffering and the youth are becoming more and more marginalised it's blatant to see that a review and total overhaul is needed.

As a result of all of this I've started to look closely at Canada and how progressive their government is when it comes to diversity and good old fashioned common sense.

It would be a shame to leave Sydney, I've loved living here but with every new by-law or blatant act of corruption (Barangaroo casino etc) my resolve is slowly being chipped away and I worry that one day the novelty of sun sea and sand will wear off and I, like many other skilled expats, will be pushed away.

Kind regards,  
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