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# Lock Out Laws



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To: Liquor Law Review; 



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To whom it may concern,

I recently clicked on an article of interest via Facebook which directed me to this email address. The article was of course about the controversial Sydney lock-out laws that have personally affected me and my friends, as well as countless disappointed Sydneysiders and visitors.

I am against the lock out laws for the following reasons:

1. They have destroyed countless businesses and jobs in the included zones. Many of the former pubs and clubs were well regulated in terms of alcohol consumption and zero violence/aggression policy, promoting a positive and safe environment for nightdwellers. They have been unfairly punished by these laws. The economy and the individuals have suffered.
2. The included zone excludes the casino. My family has been directly victimised by problem gambling, a weakness and an illness that the government should be protecting the public from, not directing towards. Problem gambling literally ruins lives. I absolutely abhor any law that would encourage public traffic towards gambling venues.
3. The laws have not at all targeted the supposed reason for introduction, i.e. alcohol-fuelled violence. Just last week saw a news story about a vicious alcohol-fuelled physical attack on a young man at a popular suburban pub. I am in fact a former employee of the venue in Oatley and know the victim. This shows that alcohol-fuelled violence is an ongoing issue in our society that must be addressed directly. Simply redirecting people from the inner city is simply not an answer and harms countless more than it helps.
4. I am a young professional in my early twenties, a shift worker, and a frequent consumer of inner city nightlife. Many of my favourite venues have been forced to close, and this has negatively impacted the social lives of many like myself. Often finishing shifts late at night, I find myself unable to even go down the road for a drink after work as these venues are not allowed to offer me such indulgence. It is hugely disappointing, and I fear the spark is nearly lost completely for Sydney by night. It is even an embarrassment to show international friends and visitors what is left on offer for young partygoers in the city.

I hope you will take the time to seriously consider the views of myself and so many other Sydney citizens who are already mourning the loss of Sydney's nightlife, and implore you to seriously reconsider the lock-out laws which are so clearly responsible.

Yours sincerely,

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