



lock out

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Dear Mr Callinan,

My name is Sue-Ellen Rosenberg. I wish to express my concern against the current anti lock out laws.

I have been an avid party goer in the queer community since the early 1980s. During this time I have never witnessed any violence or undesirable behaviours whilst I have attended nightclubs and parties. I am proud to say that our people are respectful of each other and look out for each other. Many of us are professionals, where socialising and dancing is a perfect outlet to counter stress from our jobs during the week.

The lockout laws have not worked for us. During this time we have seen our venues slowly and sadly disappear and we are finding it difficult to gather in large groups to see each other. Many of us look forward to these times as we love to socialise and dance with each other. There are very talented musicians and djs amongst us and their work opportunities are sadly diminishing.

We need to dance. not all of us like to play sport and dancing is a wonderful opportunity to keep us fit and exercise. I used to love to do this each week, but now finding it difficult since our special spaces have been taken away from us.

Lockout laws were trialled back in 2009 for a few months and they did not work back then. They DO NOT work now.

All these have done is shifted the problem to our local area. (I live in the Inner West) I do not feel safe walking on Friday or Saturday nights in King St Newtown any more as there is violence and undesirable behaviour here.

As for Star City and any other casino, which is exempt from these laws, I will not go there. Ever. I refuse to gamble and get caught up in throwing my hard earned money away. Gambling destroys families. How wrong it is for this government to funnel people into these establishments to encourage a disease such as this.

Tourism is affected by lockout laws. Who would want to come to Sydney any more? The Cross is a sad existence and now a developer's paradise. This was once a tourist icon. As for Oxford Street, it is the same, full of dirty smeared windows with tatty for lease signs.

Where is the once vibrant dynamic city that I was once proud of?

I hope you consider my letter to repeal these laws and bring Sydney back to the way it should be.

Yours

Sue-Ellen Rosenberg