

Lockout Laws

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I am 25 years old, I work full time and live in Paddington, NSW.

The 1:30am lockout no longer affects me, but the 10pm closing time for liquor stores is ridiculous. I have now felt the need to bulk buy alcohol just in case I would like another drink in my home past 10pm. I don't go out clubbing, but I have dinner parties with family and friends. There have been multiple occasions when another bottle of wine between a few of us would have finished the night off, and instead, all I have to offer my guests is hard spirits.

Recently, my parents flew in late one night from Brisbane to surprise me, and my mother went to the BWS on the corner to buy a bottle of champagne to celebrate, but was shocked that she couldn't do this as it was a quarter past 10. It's embarrassing to have moved to "the big smoke", a vibrant, thriving city and for my fifty year old parents to not be able to purchase a bottle of wine.