

# Liquor Law Review submission

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

Dear Ian Callinan,

Please find below my submission for the Liquor Law Review. I have been a resident and a worker in the City of Sydney's local government area for over 10 years. Please consider the following points as part of the review:

- There isn't sufficient evidence that the lockout laws have even addressed violence they are supposed to have curbed. A violent drinking culture should be framed as a wider cultural problem. I urge you to consider the instances of domestic violence - what happens when people go home drunk at 1.30am? Why do people feel it necessary to binge drink in the first place? Has violent behaviour just spilled into other suburbs? More research needs to be done by an independent body
- The laws have resulted in a dreary nightlife - a major city like Sydney requires diversity. It is paternalistic to encourage people to go home and change their lifestyle habits in a manner that fits a conservative ideology. Other, educational, measures should be put in place to address the isolated cases of lethal violence - locking people out for this reason is like legislating against drivers because car accidents happen
- These laws overwhelmingly serve the interests of some constituents over others, so there is an inherent flaw in the way this issue has been addressed - particularly given the poor community consultation by the NSW Govt before these were enacted. These laws have embarrassingly blatant geographic and economic biases! Problems are pushed out of the inner city and public space is becoming privatised
- Please clarify why Star City is exempt from the lockout laws? This points towards an alternate agenda
- The impact on inner city business and Sydney's aspiration to be a 'global city' are important issues, but they are secondary to the noxious self interest and inequality that underlies these laws.

Best,  
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