

# Submission to the review of alcohol

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

To whom it may concern.

I am writing to voice my support for the lockout laws.

I have been a resident and sole trader [REDACTED] since 1980. I have also been a radiographer at RPA hospital and for the past 10 years have been a radiographer at St Vincent's Private Hospital which includes being rostered to attend on call work all hours of the night. I make the point that I am walking the street at all hours 7 days a week.

I have lived on Craigend St and Elizabeth Bay Rd but have currently been living in [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I live in [REDACTED] for many reasons, its unique, its acceptance to diversity of other residents and visitors.

My enjoyment of this life style was negatively effected prior to the lock out laws for about 4 years prior to these laws taking effect 2 years ago.

The area became saturated with people aged between 17 and 24 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The area could not accommodate the huge numbers coming to have "a good night out. " until 3am-5am

Of concern to my enjoyment of my lifestyle was;

1) The noise disturbance from an over saturation of large clubs which had popped up in recent years all with 5am closing. They had a blatant disregard for the sound disturbance laws that were disturbing neighbours and myself. The council and police did not seem to be able to enforce these laws. As they repeated the offence each weekend.

2) These large clubs offered a culture of long lines of patrons waiting to get in on the footpath. Which basically took over that side of the street. This was a new formula to get the club noticed or/and reflects the over saturation of people to the area.

3) These clubs had their own private "band" of security guards who often moved between clubs 4 abreast across the footpath with a menacing attitude unlike the way the local police who also patrol worked. They often arrived at a brawl at a club before the police. this is not a criticism of the local police.

4) Of great concern to me was the disturbance of the out of control young people screaming, brawling, becoming unconscious due to excess drinking that went on until the sun was raising. The vomit and other bodily matter left on my door step every weekend was disgusting.

The Kings Cross Liquor Licensing Accord are of the opinion that people were drinking on the street not over drinking in the large clubs. I have not ever noticed an increase in empty bottles in my street or surrounding streets. I do not agree with their opinion.

People say that live music in the Cross has suffered directly from the lockout laws I disagree I think the introduction of poker machines into pubs have had a much bigger effect and live music venues have been closing since then. Live music has also had a downturn due to the introduction of the "celebrity" DJ youth culture.

The press talk about the Cross being dead since the lock out laws. It is not dead in my opinion. It has responded to staying alive by responding to an out of control period in its diverse history.

I hope you will consider my views and observations that I and other residents want the laws to be observed about responsible drinking and noise coming from venues.

We need as adults to protect and address the young who are damaging themselves with excessive drinking, We need to protect

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the diversity of the area not over saturated it with large late night drinking clubs who have are unable to operate within the laws.

Keep the lock out laws in place.

Yours sincerely

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Regards,

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