

## RE-OPEN SYDNEY

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To whom it may concern,

I'm Michael, a resident of Sydney my whole life. I have always been proud of the city I live in due to its richness in culture, extraordinary landscapes and vibrant nightlife.

As a young person (28), I have enjoyed going out in the city and enjoying the plethora of options this city has/HAD to offer. From 18-21 I enjoyed the cross for club hopping, we would usually get to clubs around midnight as that is when clubs started packing out and then might hop to another around 3am if another DJ was on.

I got over clubs around 23 or so and started going to bars, restaurants etc. I loved the Rocks, I loved Ivy/Establishment or even just going to bars around King Street Wharf.

I am now studying full-time so I am not going out at the moment but I am disgusted that this "democratic" country is being fuelled by corruption in this NSW State Government. At what point, is democracy being exercised when you have state laws which only apply to certain areas of our countries most populated city?

I recently went out in the city for the first time in a long time, to be honest, these laws have ruined the city. We were at the Bavarian Bier Cafe and then moved to the Le Pub next door. At 11pm, they told us that they were closing, which is fine. We then walked outside to notice no one was letting anyone into the pubs and most of them were shut by midnight.

It is absolutely embarrassing for people that are coming here from all over the world, that a city that is supposed to be in the top 5 cities in the world, and you can not get a beer at midnight in the CBD. What are you trying to achieve by these laws? All I have seen so far is fabricated statistics and total lies by the government.

Alcohol related crimes are down by 40 something %, but the amount of people in the city is down 80+% also, therefore meaning, your laws have actually increased the chance of being assaulted in the city? Now every time I turn on the TV there is violence in other parts of the city... doesn't seem like you have achieved anything regarding the crime rate, you have just spread it out across the city. Also, the Star City casino prior to the lock outs was rated the most dangerous venue in Sydney. Now if you are trying to protect the public, why would that be the only venue you would leave open? Why would you encourage intoxicated Australians to go to Casinos when there is a huge amount of proof of gambling leading to domestic violence? What exactly are you trying to achieve here?

If you increase the punishment for alcohol related violence, you will see a massive reduction. The average person will not punch someone if they know that any alcohol related violence will result in them being locked up. The actual gang related members will soon be in prison and the guys that are just alpha males will think twice before they act if they know the consequences of their actions.

I never in my wildest dreams thought I would say this, but Melbourne is better than Sydney now!!! Re-open Sydney, stop these ridiculous laws and lets get the city back to where it was before. An increase in Police and increase in punishment is all we need to do.

Listen to the people!

Thanks,  
Michael