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# Independent Liquor Law Review - submission

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To: Liquor Law Review; 

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Hi,

As a 10 year resident of Kings Cross I would like to register my support for the 1.30am lock outs, 3am cessation of liquor sales, 10pm take-away liquor laws and the annual liquor licence fee program.

The diminishing of violent, drunken anti-social behaviour has been obvious to the casual observer, and is also reflected in fewer hospital admissions, arrests and so on.

There's been a lot of talk around the closure of a number of high profile venues, most of which could be fairly characterised as large drinking barns who made their money serving alcohol to drunk people. But I put it to you that most of these places have simply followed the common Australian practice of failing to innovate in a changing marketplace, and then whinging to the government to fix it for them.

However something else that needs to be emphasised is the number of NEW SMALL venues that are opening up in and around the Kings Cross area. These businesses are innovating and taking advantage of the fact that there is a new clientele in town, one which is only too willing to eat and drink well, and is happy to go home around midnight without causing any fracas. A stroll along Lankelly Place will tell you that these new businesses are thriving. And they would not have done so before the new liquor laws because their patrons would simply not have considered coming to Kings Cross, given its state 2 years ago.

More stories about this phenomenon in the media are needed to counter those currently being propagated by the pubs and clubs lobbies, who have never encouraged their members to innovate, but rather just let them keep on doing the same old tired old stuff they have always been doing.

Good luck!

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Regards

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