The Callinan Inquiry on Liquor Laws

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Dear Sir,

I am from the UK and sponsored by my company to live and work in Sydney. I love Sydney – it's a fabulous way of life. But without doubt, I am embarrassed for Sydney (and Australia) for these freedom-encroaching lock-out laws. I come from London and it is an amazingly vibrant city – without it's night-time culture, it wouldn't be half the city it is. And it's a very real reason why I might move back.

Apart from the hypocrisy that the casinos are conveniently left out, from a British perspective – these laws fly right in the face of what you expect Australia to be. I imagined this to be a laid back place where freedom is a given. While the people fit this description, the governing politicians couldn't be further from this picture if they tried.

Only the other day, I was at the Hero of Waterloo for St Patricks Day and multiple police set up camp to patrol the place. No one was causing trouble and we did not need policing of this nature. And on Friday – I was 'cut-off' because I was messing around with a friend when I licked her on her face. Sounds like drunken behaviour doesn't it? Well I had had two beers and was just in a good mood.

This is a tax on enjoyment and Sydney is quite rightly a laughing stock. Everything in life carries risk – you can't eliminate it all. So I implore you to do the right thing and repeal these draconian, civil liberty encroaching lock-out laws. And while we're at it, why can't supermarkets sell alcohol? This law creates artificially high prices for consumers when bottle shops hold a geographical monopoly.

And make sure you read the below in detail. At least someone is talking sense and using facts and evidence – not fudged statistics.

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