

# Submission to the review of alcohol

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

It is outrageous that the liquor industry wants to bring back their mess again and for us to pay to clean it up for them with young lives and precious taxpayer funded hospital, ambulance and police service resources.

There has been no hard evidence that any business has closed solely because of lockouts laws. Many have closed because of rent increases, increased drink prices, staff and supplier costs, council and compliance legal actions or have re-opened nearby.

In Kings Cross, a heritage zone, the night-time economy has ceased butchering the day-time economy: new apartments, chemists, health food shops, a French creperie, a bike-hire hub, gyms and local offices have burgeoned, adding vibrancy to the area. Wall-to-wall booze barns open 24/7 can never enhance Sydney's desire to become a global city.

Is it safe to assume that that the people who oppose lock out laws would support increased taxes to pay for the extra police, ambulance, hospital and other services needed to cope with the aftermath?

Regards,

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Community supporter