

# Submission

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I'm studying Medicine at university. For the first years of my degree, I worked evenings casually to support myself. However, these jobs are now gone. I have luckily been given a scholarship, otherwise it would not have been feasible for me to continue studying. I live in Newtown. I used to enjoy being able to walk up the road and go and enjoy a band, or dinner at a pub. Now there are queues outside places from as early as 10pm. I can no longer walk home down King Street without numerous catcalls from drunks just hanging on the street, with nowhere else to go.

I used to enjoy going out on Oxford street. I stepped outside for a cigarette. When I went to go back inside I was told by security that it was past lockout and I couldn't reenter. Why they hadn't mentioned this to me when I walked out 5 minutes earlier is unknown. I was stranded outside, with no wallet, no phone and all my friends inside with no hope of contacting them. Security couldn't even escort me inside to get my bag. How is that improving safety?

These laws have destroyed not only the areas where they have been put in place, but areas like Newtown.

These laws have destroyed a huge number of jobs, leaving people vulnerable.

They don't work. They need to change.

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