



Inbox

Nick Southcott



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an independent musician and the lockout laws have directly affected my industry, (as well as associated industries such as hospitality) in a negative way, with many closed venues within the lockout area, as well as reduced budgets for live performances.

I think the blanket laws covering all venues and not just known violent places have succeeded in lowering violent incidences, but at the expense of vastly lowered foot traffic. Violence and alcohol abuse should always be discouraged but people should be allowed to have a choice to go out late at night if they wish, and even have a couple of drinks and not be subjected to hundreds of rules that make their nights less enjoyable.

Funneling people late at night to the casino(s), which are known to be relatively violent venues and into potentially livelihood destroying gambling habits also strikes me as extremely irresponsible.

Beat regards, Nick.