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Hi,

I believe the 1.30am lock out and 3am cease alcohol sales measures in the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross should be immediately revoked. These measures punish and inconvenience innocent people for the sake of a few idiots who choose to commit one punch attacks or the like.

I believe the incidence of so called alcohol fuelled violence is overstated. The real problem is with the individual who commits the violent act, not alcohol. The majority of people who enjoy alcohol are responsible and not violent. New strategies should be looked at to address the types of people who have committed violent offences in the past.

ID scanners already exist in all of the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross venues. These should be leveraged to enable people who have a history of violent offences to be excluded from entry into licenced premises altogether for a period of time such as five years following conviction for a violent offence. Such an approach would allow the innocent majority to continue to enjoy their night as they please rather than have restrictions imposed against them to cater for a very small minority of violent people. Harsh penalties and fines could be imposed on people with a violent past who enter licenced premises during their exclusion period.

Another alternative would be a scheme that would allow people who don't have a violent history to apply for lockout exemptions. Service NSW could charge a small fee to do a criminal record check and note that the person does not have a violent criminal record against their drivers licence or proof of age ID which would be recognised when the licence was scanned upon entry to the venue. This would enable the person who does not have a violent history to continue to enter venues after the lockout period and avoid punishing and inconveniencing the innocent.

Regards,

Mark Stevenson