

Abolish Sydney Lockout Laws - they dont/arent working!

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After returning from overseas for the last year and a half I was shocked and appalled at what has happened to this once vibrant great city. All the places I use to frequent are now closed, bars, clubs and restaurants. Sydney was once a place I was proud to call home but after returning its changed and not for the better. The city is one of the most boring I've ever been out in. I never visited Kings cross except occasionally but when I did recently I was horrified it was a ghost town, I didn't feel safe and not because of the brothels and groups of undesirable people on the street, that's what gave it its rawness but because it was empty, poor business struggling to get by and stay open until reason prevails, but I am sad to say that's not the way this government works, it doesn't listen to its people, it listens to the corporation with the highest bid.

I work for an fortune500 engineering firm with staff all over the world and to try and get them to come and work here in our Sydney office they laugh and say they couldn't be paid enough to live here. To that I have no response, this city is now a laughing stock, how can that be.

I have friends who were once resident DJs who have been forced to take up work in supermarkets and in low paying bar jobs to subsidise their way of life to continue doing what they love to do, and what me, their families and friends enjoy being part of.

The problem is clearly not alcohol, based on the news and violent crimes that are on the rise, you watch anyone committing this acts and you will know the problem is addiction of another kind. Lack of support for Mental illness, addictions in general, ICE and Steroids have caused these issues and it's a shame we can't just tackle the real issues

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