

Lockouts

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As a long time resident of inner city Sydney I wanted to express my disappointment in what Sydney has become.

I think the solutions that the government have put in place to deal with alcohol-fueled violence have destroyed a once thriving social, artistic and bohemian part of the city. To me, these are the best aspects of any international city and one of the main reasons anyone should want to live in a city at all.

These solutions don't really solve the root of the problem: being in my mind Australia's macho, tough guy, repressed societal values and binge drinking. All they do is send these kinds of people to another spot to drink too much and coward-punch innocent people. We need to address people's way of thinking rather than doing the classic Australian solution of the obvious "shut it down".

Sydney should be along side the great, social, fascinating cities of the world: Berlin, New York, Paris, London, Amsterdam, Tokyo. Instead, we step ever further backwards into an Orwellian behavioural control nightmare.

I dearly hope the people in charge start using their brains to solve problems rather than their brawn. Otherwise, they're just a larger equivalent of the people punching the undeserving citizens of our once terrific city.

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