

Change The NSW Lock out Laws

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

I am writing to ask that the NSW lock out laws be revoked and any policies implemented to curb violence and other public nuisance issues be discussed and formulated by community groups rather than legislated by out-of-touch politicians.

I do not condone illegal activity or illicit behavior but I do consider myself a tolerant person and one who is accepting of other people's lifestyles. Australian's generally have an unsophisticated drinking culture and bad behavior has always been a part of that culture.

Due to the deaths of a few young people from what has been labelled in the media as a "coward's punch" the rest of us law abiding citizens are being punished collectively. We are now restricted to buying alcohol before 10pm and forced to drink out of plastic cups and treated like children by bar staff. It's an embarrassment to think our government promotes this type of thing when it's trying to market itself as an international city.

I suggest that if you want to create a positive drinking culture you take the following steps:

1. Treat people with respect and dignity
2. Train licensed premises security to be friendly and respectful to patrons and not thuggish
3. NSW Police should be more community focused and engaging with the public instead of overly authoritative and arrogant
4. Promote smaller licensed venues, wine bards and clubs instead of mega pubs and clubs
5. Insist on some type of food being readily available at bars and clubs if they're open late
6. Transfer public funding from drug policing at licensed venues to paramedic style services instead (I often see young people suffering from excessive drugs and there is no support nearby. The police stand around unable to assist whereas health services would be more appropriate use of tax dollars)

I suggest that legislators get on a plane and go to cities like Austin, TX in the USA and see how the incorporation of food trucks near to bars and clubs has resulted in fewer problems with alcohol.

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