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Hey Team,

I just wanted to write to you to let you know how lockouts have affected my life.

I was working at a vibrant city venue full time as a manager on a decent wage with a mortgage with my brother. Working nights I would usually finish at 3 or 4am and head home via the pub for one beer.

Lockouts came in with the business now incurring 40% loss of revenue costs were being cut and I was either forced to take a 15k pay drop or leave the business.

As everyone was in the same boat all I could find is a few measly hours here and there.

I was squeezed out of Sydney by lockout laws. Forced to sell my only investment and move to Queensland where I could afford a decent unit for \$250 a week instead of \$600.

The streets are empty. I have never felt scared walking home until lockouts were introduced. I felt I could scream and nobody would hear me. Foot traffic down Oxford street had dropped so much that you could go down swinging your arms and not hit anyone on a Friday night.

The violence has only moved. The star and Newtown are now problem areas while there is a lot more underground raves and parties in the suburbs.

All you've done is spread the violence and not address the issue at all.

The 2 men who were killed had been King hit before 10pm and the people responsible have not been correctly punished at all.

Tougher sentencing, 24 hour licenses (so not everyone leaves at one time as most fights occur in taxi queues), consulting the industry and education are the answers that you need to use.

Thanks for killing my life in NSW :(

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