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Lockout laws: Why I won't be returning to Sydney

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I lived in Sydney during the past decade. In 2010 I begrudgingly decided to move away to further my education. Now that I have completed my university degree I intend to move back into a thriving metropolitan area so I can enjoy myself once more. However, Sydney is not the place it once was. Given the exorbitant living expenses, bad traffic and other inconveniences which naturally result from such a densely populated area, the one thing a city can hang its hat on is being a place people can let their hair down and enjoy themselves after a busy week at work.

If the lockout laws remain, I am seriously considering a move overseas instead. Maybe to Canada, perhaps Berlin. Somewhere responsible people are rewarded for good behaviour and not punished for the actions of the few. No lockout law will stop an angry young man from picking a fight with someone he sees as an easy target. I am no politician or legislator, but perhaps very harsh penalties on people who commit unprovoked acts of violence may deter others from doing the same. Just an idea, as I said I am in no position to make that call.

People live in big cities to socialise with a large array of people, many of us enjoy doing that at bars or clubs. If I am considering leaving (a health professional, by the way) because Sydney no longer provides a bustling night life, I suspect there are others who are planning on leaving as well. If we can afford to move overseas, then it indicates that we would be a loss to the country's workforce and economy. This is no threat but an observation. Please make Sydney a place people all over the world want to visit again.

Kind regards,

Gene Tong