

Lockout Law review

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

Dear sir/madam,

I write this to condemn the current legislation around lockout laws.

I am now 35, and in all the years I frequented late night venues neither I, nor any of my friends, ever conducted ourselves in a manner that would ever endanger others. In fact, these were some of the best times of my life. After 130am, or 3am, were when I met some of the greatest friends I've ever had, which to this day I am now conducting business with.

Outside of the obvious denial of choice for young people to enjoy themselves (while lining the pockets of Government coffers with taxes on alcohol, cigarettes and the taxes of small businesses the industry supports), what of the complete eradication of culture that comes with this?

In what kind of country do we require that the government dictate to its citizens where, and when, it may recreate and relax? Not the Australia I am proud to call home. This is not North Korea.

These laws are a dangerous precedent, and the follow up laws around right to protest are alarming, authoritarian and anti freedom of choice, speech and democracy to say the least.

I am historically a Liberal voter but am strongly against the current actions of the party. I outright condemn these laws and will strongly vote against any party condoning them.

Please also make available the real, unadulterated and filtered data around the casino districts regarding violence, foot traffic and financial benefit the state government stands to benefit from the exclusion of such zones.

Sincerely,
Alex Train