



# Liquor Law Review

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Hi,

There are a number of reasons why I oppose the lock out laws and would like to dot point how the lock out laws have affected me as an individual and also my wider views on how it will affect the community.

- I am currently 28 years old, and for the last decade, have been frequenting the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross areas. I never had any issues with alcohol fueled violence and the bar culture was always open and friendly. If anything needs to be changed, it is the mindset surrounding drinking, to encourage individuals to drink in moderation and to ensure everyone has a safe and good time, and this should not be up to the government to decide on what is the right time to do so. What about those who work night shifts and would like to head out in the earlier hours of the morning? That is no longer an option for them. Why does the whole community have to be punished due to a small group of citizens who cannot monitor their own behavior? We should be educating teenagers and young adult in safe consumption use and social etiquette and behavior when drinking.
- Over the past few months, I have still ventured to the Kings Cross area, but my honest opinion is that it is not something I enjoy doing as much. Why would I travel all the way to the city from the Parramatta area just to go out for a few hours and then head home? Now I can't even stay out until the trains start again to go back West and I always felt safe doing it as I was safe in a secured bar and then on trains with guards. The hustle and bustle I loved about that area is no longer there. The options to meet other friendly people in a public domain is decreasing. I could go out in Parramatta or other places in the West but being of an Asian background and small female, I find I feel a lot less safe there with the demographic that goes there. This is speaking from experience from the times I have been out and have had aggressive advances or have a friend get mugged or my phone get stolen. Funny enough, this has never occurred in Sydney CBD. So really, I don't really feel like I have a choice to go out anymore to the restaurant and bars I love trying out and sharing some drinks with friends until early hours of the morning. There is a large number of us citizens that do the right thing and once again are being punished for it.

- I do not agree that The Star does not face lock out laws. It is irresponsible to encourage people to move to the Star. What if they do not agree with gambling? With it being so readily accessible, what if it encourages gambling addictions? Why is it okay to encourage gambling but not responsible drinking in bars?
- A number of businesses have been closed as a result of the decrease in traffic flow. How is this giving everyone an equal opportunity? Strong businesses and consumers are essential for our community. Sydney is a hub which needs to sustain its economic growth, with failing businesses (increase of unemployment), less spending and less tourism, it can only affect Australia's economy in a negative way.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Kind regards,

Maggie Tse