



Liquor Law Review: My submission

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Hi,

I would like to express my disgust and outrage towards the government for implementing the deeply flawed and damaging liquor laws in NSW. As a proud resident of Darlinghurst for the past 6 years I have always loved the vibrancy and busy energy of the inner city suburbs, the reason I moved to Sydney from Perth was to emerse myself in the 'world city' culture here which I understood to be a 24 hour modern city. Unfortunately the lockout laws have completely destroyed the personality and interesting flair that Darlinghurst and all of the inner city areas once had and were increasingly cultivating, Sydney which once hummed with a variety of venues offering music, food and a chance to socialise at any time of day or night, is now a boring, deflating balloon of it's former glory. Beloved venues are closing down, and worse still potential new venues are never even opening, this city should be GROWING and INCREASING it's culture and late night offerings, not decreasing, this city is literally going backwards!

My partner and I work corporate jobs in the CBD, we often work late into an evening. On a lucky day when we get an opportunity to go out after work, we expect to be able to go out at ANY time of the evening to share a meal together, to meet friends at a bar and catch up over a drink, and yes even to dance away into the wee morning hours enjoying a fancy cocktail if we so choose. We are not hurting anyone, we are not criminals, we are not children - the government has NO RIGHT to stop us enjoying our lives at WHATEVER TIME OF THE DAY we feel like.

This is a free country.... not so much anymore

Nicole Van Dijken

