

# Perspective from a former resident of Rushcutters Bay

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To Whom It May Concern,

I moved to Rushcutters Bay a few years ago due to the use of the beautiful park by day and vibrant nightlife close by at night. At the time the lockout laws were implemented in February 2014 I first hand witnessed a significant reduction in not only the nightlife of Kings Cross but sub-cultures such as music and fashion suffering as a result. Even a well known restaurants that had been in the area for more than a decade even closed (1). Eventually, I decided to leave Sydney. As a single man in his early thirties that worked extremely hard within the Finance industry during the week, I was no longer able to relax and was governed by the same time restrictions I suffered during the week on weekends. It destroyed relationships I had with people that worked within the hospitality industry, no longer being able to see them and I began living a very unhealthy existence of isolation.

No one wants to see violence and I commend the state government for sanctioning such a review. It seems these laws were implemented as a reaction to two deaths as a result of a one-punch incidents, however there have been one punch incidents leading to death since the lockouts (2, 3) have been in place that have not been cited publicly by politicians and in fact there are approximately 15 alcohol related incidents per day in Australia (4) . Personally, I think understanding the psychology of the perpetrator and investigating the night culture of other countries who do not have such incidents would be the ideal foundation for implementing policy rather than punishing the 99.999% (13.3 / 100,000) (5) majority that just want to have fun and socialise in their hard-earned leisure time.

All the best with the review.

Yours sincerely,  
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