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To whom it may concern,

My name is Antony Villafranca, I live in a town called [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] away from [REDACTED], I work Part Time at Coles but my love and passion has and always will be as a DJ and all round Music Lover and support of the Arts in Sydney.

In 2013 I got myself started in Sydney as a DJ when I DJ'd in front of thousands of people at the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras with a competition I won through a podcast that showcased the music I loved to play at my gigs, after that time I made the effort of driving up to Sydney to all of my gigs, stay and paid for accomodation at the hotels located in the city to make my dream of becoming a Producer come true.

When Barry O'Farrell handed down a decision that wasn't thought though properly with the City of Sydney, Local Areas and Most Important the Sydney LGBT community, the lockouts on the Oxford St has caused damage to an area that I felt didn't need the Lockouts in the first place as we have never had problems of violence or anti-social behaviours or even moreso people who drink too much.

I have seen first hand before and the after effects of the Lockouts, before the Lockouts on Oxford St, I didn't see anyone have issues with people who drunk too much they became a danger to other people around them, Oxford St prided in being a safe area for everyone to have fun whether it was to see a local DJ play, to see a Cabaret show act out their scenes or even just to catch up with mates or new mates having a drink outside on even inside and we would be out till the hours of the morning and the best part was no-one got hurt, we all had fun and lastly we helped Sydney show that we still are the BEST in the world when it come's to entertainment.

Since the lockouts have been enacted on Oxford St, there has been a major downturn, locals and international visitors ain't coming to the street cause they felt the lockouts have created a barrier on having fun doesn't make a good night out, for example people go to Oxford St cause they want a variety of what they want to dance to and yes they bar hop to clubs cause they want to hear a variety of music and that's how the LGBT community thrive with.

The Lockouts have now made it hard for people or new people who are creative to lose their areas to be creative and to learn from it all, my gigs in particular have taken a huge hit with me losing gigs and worse not paying for accomodation and driving up to Sydney and back home to Wollongong in early hours of the morning cause DJing is my passion.

These lockouts must be taken off for clubs that don't have the problems with anti social behaviour and a proper solution from the WIDER community must be asked and then debated.

Thanks,

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