

Feedback from an Expat Sydneysider

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

Hi,

I actively follow the Keep Sydney Open group on Facebook.

I am a French expat living in Sydney since 6 years, and have been witnessing how the night-life and atmosphere has degraded in the last 2 years because of the lock out laws.

My feeling is that yes there need to be measures in place to prevent alcohol related problems, but this can't be done by taking hostage all friendly party goers (probably 95%).

I've got friends who manage bars and clubs in Double Bay and they told me that the lock out laws caused problems to their venues, which they did not have before. Same echoes from Newtown. In the end, the lock-out laws are only pushing people to other places, but do not resolve the problem.

People want to go out and have a good time, and it's not by preventing them to stay out until late or enter a club before 1.30am that is going to help secure Sydney night life. It actually creates more tension, with people who can not enter venues after 1.30am, or are all together out in the streets at 3am when venues need to close.

Please, reconsider the laws, put on a real policy to condemn alcohol related violence and coward punches, but do not take hostage the vast majority of people who want to have a good time with their friends.

Thanks for reading me,
Greg