

# Lockouts Feedback

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*We urge you to remove the lockouts which have damaged business, culture, personal freedom and Sydney's reputation.*

*The signatories here agree that the city's streets should be safer, however we disagree that the way to do this is by locking people out of music venues.*

*With the decrease in foot-traffic outstripping the decrease in assaults, we question the success of the lockouts. When one factors in the business closures, job losses and increased crime in neighbouring areas, we wonder if they might in fact be a failure.*

*We demand smarter solutions – a holistic and lateral approach to preventing assaults which examines transport, CCTV, tougher sentencing, density and diversity of licensed premises, venue management, culture as a placating tool and the tendency towards violence among certain groups of individuals.*

*The music community and law-abiding citizens are not the right people to punish for assaults on the street. Well-run venues are safe and they make a large contribution to our reputation as one of the world's great entertainment cities.*

*Safety is a goal shared by everyone. It's important to remember that the main beneficiaries are the very people who wish to go out. We believe that safety and late-night socialising aren't mutually exclusive. With considered, innovative policies we can achieve a desired outcome together and Keep Sydney Open.*

Kind regards,

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