

# Liquor Law Review

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

Dear Liquor Law Review team,

Kindly find my (member of the public) submission to your review below.

I do not support the current lock out laws in their present form. As a 31 year old gay male I am not what some might assume to be the 'typical' person affected by these laws however I take great umbrage at the government of this state dictating when or when I may not enjoy a social outing with friends. For a Liberal government that supposedly supports smaller government I find it increasingly frustrating to live in a state that imposes this type of over-supervisory law on its citizens.

A question I ask the the lawmakers is why are my freedoms being curtailed for the actions of a few? Wouldnt a better solution be to help the population change the drinking culture from one of immediate binging upon turning 18 to one of a mature acceptance of alcohol's role in society at a perhaps earlier age than 18? Why not a staged approach to alcohol so that there isnt a cliff-face scenario when a youth turns 18 they are entitled to write themselves off completely?

As a general supporter of this state government I find it the scenario whereby the the casino's are exempt from these lockout laws completely indefensible. The casino has always been one of the most dangerous venues in the state yet it is exempt - why????

Please return the liberties of the people of NSW to the people of NSW and repeal these lockout laws.

thank you and best regards

Andrew Ward