

Lockouts

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The lockouts have had a seriously negative impact on young people. Not just in terms of being locked out of socialising, but not being able to access jobs. For those who study full time night time jobs are the only option to afford renting in a place like Sydney. Those jobs are just not available anymore. I have seen an exodus of students moving from Sydney Univeristy to ANU and Melbourne because they cannot afford to study in Sydney.

I fear this will rapidly lead to not only declining numbers of local students but a brain drain. Young educated professionals fresh out of uni aren't staying in Sydney when it offers no recreation for those who work late or unusual hours. Many key industries where young talent is moving are highly globalised (investment banking, business, tech development ect.). It just cannot function in a 9 - 5 day when calls and meetings need to be had globally. If I finish work at 3 am I can't go out for dinner in the city anymore because everything is closed. I can't even pick up a bottle of wine to have with dinner at home. Why would I pay a premium to live in a city where there is no tolerance or services for those who work in a globalised economy?

It seems we have been regressinging further from the likes of global cities - like London, Tokyo or New York - in a bid to return to the 'sleepy country towns' that were our major cities 50 years ago. While this may appeal to people who grew up in those times - to young people who need to be apart of a rapidly globalising and changing world to have any hope of surviving in an economically viable way this seems like a death sentence that is slowly tearing Sydney further and further away from being a global business hub.

Why should the young and educated stay when we will be better treated and better heard elsewhere?

Thank you,

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