

Lockout Submission

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Hi guys,

Sorry this is a day late. I've been unable to submit till now.

Went to the Madonna concert on the Saturday night when she was performing Olympic Park. Was a true eye opener to how the lock out laws have affected a good night out.

20000 people were at that concert, a Saturday night; everyone pumped and ready to see their international idol who hasn't been here in over 20 years. The crowd was very well behaved and everyone had an absolute blast. BUT then our night came screaming to a halt. Madonna rocked the house but didn't finish until 12.15am. Walk to the car was another 15 minutes, if we drove into town from Olympic Stadium (depending on how long it took to get out of the carpark), well that was even longer. For those that were catching trains the wait times were long. We just couldn't take the risk of trying to get into town before lock out so we went home and so did many others.

I really felt for the bars in town as there were thousands of people keen to enjoy more of their Saturday night after such an awesome concert and they couldn't. Lockout laws create chaos and panic which is such a downer after being at a top concert.

How can Sydney nightlife remain alive if we are forced to go home because a concert finishes late?

Hope this helps in anyway it can.

Cheers,
Glenda Watts