

Lockout Laws

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Dear Mr Callinan,

I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the lockout laws put in place by our current state government.

I believe they impinge on people's freedoms without addressing the root of the problem. Economically they adversely effect small businesses to the point where we have seen the closure of not only pubs and clubs but restaurants and newsagencies too.

I have had friends move to Melbourne to escape these laws and find a vibrant and creative nightlife that they simply cannot experience here in Sydney anymore.

Anesdoctally there is now an aire of paranoia throughout Sydney after dark with people looking over their shoulder to avoid being fined for what were once normal things to do and are allowed in other states.

As a Sydney resident I completely agree that violence is unacceptable but these laws were an unjust knee jerk reaction. Instead of targeting perpetrators and delivering a message that violence is unacceptable, it has blanketed the hard working populace that deserves to be treated like adults capable of making informed decisions.

We need these laws to be lifted to allow our night time economy and culture to flourish once more and put in place harder laws against violent attacks.

Better transport options operating 24 hours a day on weekends to clear people out of hot spots and home safely.

As a voice of the night time community a night mayor should also be appointed to better liaise with policy makers and police.

Together we can create a healthy, vibrant and safe night life for Sydney but not with these laws in place.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Edward Wells

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