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To whom it may concern,

I lived in Sydney since the late 90's, having grown up in Wollongong yearning for a different life in an exciting city. I've seen Sydney at its best; the vibrant DJ scene of the late 90's, the Sydney Olympics and I've even played in a band in many cool rock venues. Sadly most of the venues that I grew up in are now gone, most of them post lockouts. It's more than a normal case of 'back in the day' or the 'good old days' Sydney has changed and not in a good way.

I used to love that I could step out my door in Potts Point at any time of night and enjoy anything I wanted. That was the reason I moved to Sydney. For the convenience, the colorful people but mostly because I just loved the night life.

Every time I hit the town now I feel sorry for the youth of today, sorry that the government has taken away their rights and more importantly ruined our beloved city. They will never see what an amazing place Sydney can be. These days they can't get into a club after 1:30am despite whether they drink or not. They can't even step outside for a cigarette.

Instead of punishing everyone in Sydney for the bad behaviour of the minority, put trust in the public, provide guidance and support about alcohol and violence and let them be free to enjoy themselves like they can in any other city in the world. This type of leadership is what people respond to today. Authoritarian leadership is a thing of the past, just sit in on any MBA management subjects and you'll hear all about this.

I am a well educated professional, I hold an RSA and I do not believe in the lockout laws. I want to see this city return from this and become what it once was. Let us show everyone that Sydney is not only better than Melbourne but it's one of the best cities in the world. I believe the answer is tighter policing of the RSA; venues should be more responsible for what they are doing. There are many places to get 'wasted' in Sydney if that's what you're into. It's time to get tougher on these venues rather than punish a whole city.

The economic, social and cultural impacts of the lockout laws were not seriously considered prior to implementation. It's time for them to be abolished.

Kind Regards,
Jayne

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