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

Hello,

As a life-long Sydney-sider at 27, I've been acutely aware of the decline in nightlife over the last 10 years. Sure, some small bars and restaurants are popping up, but I miss:

- A broad choice of late-night venues that play live music
- A place to show my visiting friends from overseas a great 'night-out' where we don't have to plan exactly where and when to go.

There are many cities, such as Berlin, Amsterdam, Melbourne and London, which appeal to the international night-enthusiast. What is happening in Sydney is damaging our culture, economy and freedom.

I don't hear any anti-lockout proponents claiming that alcohol-fuelled violence shouldn't be dealt with... it should, and the cities mentioned above take the following measures seriously:

- 24 hours public transportation
- More police presence
- Harsher and more regulated punishment for offenders
- An enhanced school education about the culture of violence in general.
- Advertising that encourages the public to shame and disregard not just domestic abusers, but public night-fighters too.

These strategies are far more positive and effective than simply controlling everyone's bed time.

I urge you to seriously consider other alternatives that don't punish us all for the sake of a few idiots.

Sincerely,

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