

Views on Sydney liquor laws reform

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To Whom It May Concern,

For what it is worth, I would like to support a reform of the current liquor laws currently imposed in Sydney; namely a relaxation of the restrictions, removing barriers to entry for alcohol and late night licenses for venues and greater responsibility imposed on the individual not the licensee.

Ultimately, Sydney needs to create an environment where more venues can be open at any hour, removing bottle necks of nightlife and dispersing those that wish to stay out late across a broader area. 'Problem centers' for violence are removed and the animosity created on the street by the current laws and restrictive entry procedures is diminished. We need to operate on par with the greatest cities on earth that organically foster easy going and relaxed night life cultures through not enforcing over restrictions.

Very important to reform is placing responsibility and reprimands on individual offenders; not the venues who are selling alcohol. It is madness that a venue is made responsible for an individuals actions under the premise that they cannot control themselves while under the influence. Punish harshly, and punish those individuals responsible.

In summary I am proposing 2 key elements to reform to create a safer city while maintaining a world class nightlife:

1. Remove nightlife hot spots by creating more venues, not closing them:
 1. Remove barriers to obtaining an alcohol license
 2. Allow venues to be open at all hours
2. Create a self policing environment and create individual responsibility to be sensible:
 1. Punish those individuals responsible and not the venues and licensees
 2. Create laws of zero tolerance to an individuals bad behavior

Regards,

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