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The following is a personal opinion based on 16 years living in in Potts Point.

I am over 80 and in reasonably good health. I am a light/moderate daily drinker. I never drink in pubs and other “live-entertainment” venues.

I will address current “lock-out” laws in the areas mentioned and the case to be made, if any, for liberalisation of terms of liquor sales and drinking.

The present rules are far too liberal and should be reviewed urgently for more stringent implementation across NSW. My own and most others’ observations confirm the vast benefits already achieved by recent restrictions on alcohol abuse and dwellers will benefit greatly by up-grading controls. Police and behavioural studies, and many criteria of community health (welfare, criminality, child damage, violence, societal and family relationships of all types, safe driving, noise making, general safe conduct, impossible-to-triage hospital bed utilisation, and littering (just for example) -- unmistakably confirm what has been published by NSW government and many other authorities and glaringly obvious to visitors. They show irrefutably that the situation is vastly improved by a reasonable and habitual standard of control over DAY/NIGHT consumption of alcohol and whatever other drugs are freely available in “amusement” and “live music” areas.

It is vital to consider our nocturnal liquor law reform (which now enforces 1.30 AM lockout and 3.00 AM stoppage of in-house liquor sales) factually rather than casually. Make no mistake, the revised liquor reforms are moderate only but have already provided stark reductions in so many of our worst habits and most lethal performance failures. Those who deny their benefits are dangerous and destructive self-seekers. There is much more to do yet across all borders.