

Everyday Australian - My two cents

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

Hi,

A little bit of background on myself ...

I am ...

24 almost 25

Female

Completed HSC and Diploma in Logistics

Work full time as a Logistics Coordinator

First home buyer

Own my own car

Living in Sydney's west

I consider myself to be a responsible and valuable member of society.

I disagree with the lockout laws.

My main point is, the lockout laws that are enforced now, if in place at the time of the tragic coward punches would not have deterred the culprits as the attacks occurred outside of the current lockout hours.

I think it is quite obvious the laws were put in place to make the casinos more popular and therefore generate more revenue. This is the common factor in all proposals for QLD, Sydney and Melbourne.

I'll try to be brief (although I could go on for hours) What these laws are doing to our beautiful night life is depressing. As mentioned I am 24, I spent a good 3 years aged 18-20 going out every weekend not only The Cross but also George St and various other "night club" locations throughout Sydney. Not at any time did I feel unsafe, nor did I engage in any violence myself. I cannot say I didn't drink my fair share but at 18 I considered myself an adult which also meant to me that I should be able to tell when I've had enough to drink (Hence why there is a drinking age). My point is this.. you need to treat adults like adults. If we can drive a car, vote, and join the army/navy/airforce we should also be allowed to drink without time restrictions.

I don't think the answer is restrictions but education on alcohol and violence. I would even agree that the penalty for coward punches should be severely increased. With clever "marketing" for lack of a better word, in the trouble areas and a stronger police presence I think it would have a greater impact. There are plenty of other spots in Sydney for families to visit, the Cross and night club areas I believe are for the youth. Not to mention the impact on the music industry.

I have had my time going out to these venues, I am now out of the clubbing scene. I do not regret my clubbing days but cherish them as some of the best nights of my life. I feel sad that my younger brother and sisters won't be able to have the experience like I have. Additionally a shame because I know my parents who are now both in their 50s have fond memories of partying in The Cross.

Also recently I found out Melbourne has 24hr free public transport on weekends and that blows my mind ! I would love it if the same could be said of Sydney.

I will make it known that I do not intend to visit a Sydney, Melbourne or QLD casino. I have totally boycotted them and will express my option with anyone and encourage them to do the same.

If you would like to discuss further you can contact me, I'm more than happy to elaborate.

Kind Regards,

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