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# Lock out law review submission

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To whom it may concern,

I will admit that when the laws were first introduced I didn't quite think that they would have such a staggering effect on the cultural fabric of our city. I thought that it would be something that would be adaptable - but it is not. So many amazing late night venues have been forced to close down due to the new rules implemented.

As a girl in my early twenties I used to always look forward to my weekends, knowing there were so many options for my friends and myself to enjoy and make memories. Years later I am now well traveled and have friends in different countries - talk of the lock out laws has actually reached these countries and it is not a rare occurrence for my foreign friends to say they have no interest in coming to a city that has no night culture. Now, in my mid twenties, I can't say I blame them. It is common conversation among my friendship circle that we are wasting our youth in a city with a government that does not appreciate or nurture it. I want to live in a city that is ALWAYS amazing, at any time of the day or night - I don't want to live in a city that is ONLY "good when you want to settle down and raise a family".

So many other cities in the world, with far larger populations to manage have implemented so different ways of managing alcohol related violence - locking their citizens in at night is not one of them.

This was a terrible knee-jerk reaction that has in turn cost thousands of people their jobs and businesses - but also it's cost the people of Sydney a chance of enriching and contributing to Sydney's growth in nightlife and culture. While nightlife and music in Melbourne thrive, we are staggering behind and will continue to do so.

Statistics that say violence is down are, quite frankly, nonsense! When general foot traffic is down and LESS people are going out then sure, violence may go down - but in actual ratio it has probably done nothing.

Please reconsider these ridiculously backwards laws and instead work with the city and implement a "night mayor" instead.

Regards,  
Miriam