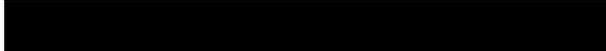


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# Lockout laws

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To whom it may concern

I would like to say that the lockout laws have had a very detrimental effect on the licenced venues operating in the cbd. And furthermore they are profoundly unfair as they have strangled a lot of businesses who didn't have problems with alcohol fueled violence. While the statistics on the drop in assaults is irrefutable, the other statistics on dropping numbers of people choosing to head to the city make them far less palatable.

I would like to see the government take a less aggressive and more worthwhile tactic to try to change the culture of drinking in the city. To be more precise I would like to see the liquor licensing laws amended from a once only purchase to a yearly renewable registration permit. To compliment this new system I would argue that the price for yearly renewals be determined by the amount of RSA violations a venue has with regard to its size. IE Larger venues not penalized for their statistical probability of more offences. And venues who consistently keep low RSA violations allowed to have lower registration costs.

Also I think it would also be a good idea to allow cheaper licenses available for venues who do not have alcohol as there primary form of entertainment such as music venues, restaurants, cafes who wish to serve alcohol etc.

Or even venues that are not usually associated with problems, eg wine bars, cocktail bars etc.

I think that the problem facing Sydney is a cultural one not a problem with alcohol. And I think these measures would encourage people to consume alcohol in a more socially acceptable manner. Even more importantly is that these measures would not be targeted at venues who don't often have problems with violence. And also would not be such a burden and a restriction on Sydney's night life.

Yours sincerely  
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