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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE

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I'd like to thank the people who have initiated this inquiry, as there is a substantial amount of public outcry and outrage at the blatant knee-jerk reaction the O'Farrell government took to curb so called "Alcohol Related Violence".

I am a man of 21 years of age, well-educated and have a balanced life. I consider myself to have an educated view and perception, particularly from young Australians. Here are the facts that are present to me regarding the newly brought in laws.

1. Transport

Clover Moore & NSW Transport has really missed this one. She has brought no initiative to the CBD district other than to implement her far-fetched atrocious waste of hard working tax payers money on an absolute waste. One of the main issues of Sydney CBD nightlife is transport to and from the district. Cab, buses and train services are completely inadequate for the influx of people that a "Global City" like Sydney attracts. Patrons and publicans alike should be able to rely on Government on all levels to provide them with adequate infrastructure to aid and further the business perspectives of a city such as Sydney. Trains and/or should run 24hrs with allocated routes, stations and cab ranks to cover all of Sydney. How can we expect to be a tourist destination when we can even move people around the city past 2 am?

2. 1:30am Lockouts, 3am closing & 10pm Stoppage Of Alcohol Sales

There has been no thought given to the economic and social detriment to such nanny state regulation. Are we the people of Australia too stupid and negligent that we cannot control our consumption of alcohol? Are we inadequate to choose & make right decisions? Where does this end. Regulation is fine, but this is targeting the wrong areas. Alcohol consumption has increased, drunkenness has increased and there is still statistics that say Australians love to drink & get loose on the weekend. How dare they? If you want to drive people out of Sydney and become a sad sack of numb minded, dull people then you certainly are on the right track. 1:30 am lockouts has meant people start drinking earlier. The only 'shift' this has caused is the Police Personnel shift that has to deal with drunk behaviour. 3am 'no more rule' has not stopped any violence, just moved it further away. All pubs are just as violent as before, however it just gets less violent in the city a little earlier, at the expense of publicans, hotel managers, hotels, low-paid hospitality workers, DJ's and many more.

3. King Hits

King hits have been around for a long time and will remain. Is this the result of alcohol consumption? Last time I check I haven't hit anyone while intoxicated. Have anyone of you? Surely not. What it comes down to is delinquent people within our society who go looking for fights. It is engrained in male culture and cannot be removed no matter what time the bottle shop closes or the drinks stop.

My recommendations:

1. Reinstate 12am liquor purchasing laws in NSW
2. Remove 1:30am lockout laws
3. Remove 3am last drink laws
3. Apply all other liquor laws applicable to CBD businesses to Star City Casino
4. Provide infrastructure for transport to and from CBD for a reliable 24hr service
5. Improve CCTV monitoring of all CBD areas (refer to London)
6. Create 30-minuter sober up buses where rowdy patrons can ingest food, water and calm down if they are intoxicated

Make Sydney what it can be, not a nanny state, over regulated second rate city.

Thanks.