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## **MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE**

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**My experience with the lockout laws has been completely negative. I am from Canberra and regularly visit Sydney for events such as concerts, and often head out to the clubs after the event is over. I have been doing this for a number of years now. Since the lockout laws, Sydney has become much less attractive as a party destination. Over the last year I have visited 5 times, and each time I have noticed the crowds in clubs getting progressively worse.**

**Where before we would go into the first club of the night at 10.30, and maybe visit 4 clubs for an hour or 2 each, then plan for most has now become to get drunk at home, head out later, say 1am, and stay in the first venue until 5.30, and go to one of the all day clubs. This means instead of a friendly, gentle introduction at a quiet club at 10.30, people start hard at 1.00am.**

**I have witnessed a huge number of people who previously would only drink moderately drinking far more since the lockouts. A large number of my friends have turned to drugs. While alcohol is not available between 3.00 and 5.30, ecstasy certainly is. I have also seen a huge spike in hip-flasks in clubs. The number of people who are sneaking alcohol into clubs is ridiculous.**

**The lock-out laws have changed to the whole demeanour of clubbers. Before lockouts it felt more social and friendly. Now it feels like everyone is going as hard as possible trying to make it to 5.30am.**

**All of this is of course for the clubs, and not mentioning the wave of warehouse parties. Why would I go to a club when I could more easily enter a big warehouse full of people with better mentalities, with my own BYO drinks and usually better music. and completely unpoliced.**

**Please consider repealing the lockout laws. I certainly don't feel any safer since their introduction.**

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