MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a 21 year old male who enjoys the CBD nightlife scene, I'd like to briefly share some of my experiences following the introduction of lock-out laws, to demonstrate their inefficacy and to highlight the willingness of people to adapt to these laws in anti-social ways.

1. Smoking indoors has become an issue. Barring people from moving outside of a venue after 1.30am pushes drunk people into smoking inside the venue, often being ejected by security after a couple of hours of filling the dancefloor with smoke. I've seen it happen often.

2. The 1.30am lockout separate revellers and leaves people drunk, alone and vulnerable. I know girls who have been trying to make it to a group of friends before lock-out, only to be denied by the bouncers and left on their own, intoxicated and unable to be taken care of by their male friends. Not a pleasant experience.

Thankyou for your consideration,
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