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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG- RELATED VIOLENCE

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This response will attempt to be as brief as possible

The results of these 'lock-out' laws inclusive of the enforced final drinks has not had the effect that the government intended.

If one looks at the rate of violence in the Kings Cross area in a vacuum then there has been a net drop in violence.

Unfortunately we do not live in a vacuum.

What has occurred is an exodus from Kings Cross and the movement of parties underground.

Warehouse parties and house parties have both increased in regularity as younger patrons do not see the worth of going out following the introduction of these laws. These parties have an increased rate of drug use (which is already prevalent in Australia), have dramatically inadequate if any security and no Responsible Service of Alcohol enforcement.

Furthermore the areas outside of the Cross; generally considered more residential areas have seen increases in violence. It would instead make ore sense to have a more widespread use of police personal resources rather than shifting the problem and compared to the model currently implemented in which a large group of police just roam around the Cross. What is instead necessary is constant vigilance by smaller units as there is no difference in the disincentification factor between a large group of police and small group.

Finally never has a drop in crime occurrence been attributed to the introduction of minimum sentencing laws; i trust the judiciary to implement justice as they do with all other crimes.

These laws fly in the face of common sense and have been a political play to garner support from key Liberal voting demographics. That is not the manner in which i want my legislation produced.