

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

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Submission RE: Lockout Laws

I used to travel to Sydney multiple (10+) times a year to visit friends, attend live music performances and enjoy nights out at the various venues around the city.

Since the lockouts were put in place I've visited 3 times and unfortunately it's had a great effect on my enjoyment and experience every time.

Having to head home if I find myself in between venues at 1:30 is inconvenient, as is not being able to enjoy a drink responsibly after 3:00am. And I'm sorry, but attending The Star (which was conveniently - for the Government - exempt) isn't a realistic alternative.

What happened to the young men involved in those incidents was a tragedy, however kneejerk laws punishing the majority for the devastating actions of the few isn't the answer.

Melbourne (where I live) attempted this a few years ago and that failed attempt showed that a different approach is necessary.

Please consider changing the laws and focus on 24 hour public transport, further security and educational programs instead.