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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG- RELATED VIOLENCE

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Please stop this ridiculous lock out law in Sydney. I no longer want to be out all night like I used to but I don't need people telling me when I need to stop having a good time. I am an adult and can make that decision by myself. Some of my best memories were being out on the dance floor, enjoying a drink with my friends and loving the music until the early hours and you have taken that away from this generation, as well as killing many businesses and musicians alike. You are robbing people of freely enjoying their time and law abiding businesses from making an honest living.

What you are also doing is just moving the crowds from the clubs and pubs to people's houses and illegal warehouse parties. I can attest to that as many of these house parties have gone on in my neighbourhood, keeping myself and my children awake.

I don't go out that often but the times I have I have found that it's not the same as it used to be.

Statistics have shown that the horrible drunken attacks have occurred in the late evening and not in the early hours of the morning. The fact is, these new measures haven't made the streets safer. What needs to be done is more education at grass roots level. There is a terrible drinking culture in Australia and education is the key, not a knee-jerk measure that only punishes law abiding citizens, musicians and venue owners and their staff.

I truly hope your government consider this carefully.

Regards,

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