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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG- RELATED VIOLENCE

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It's simply not right to condemn an entire area, Australia's most densely populated, to a state of economic stagnation in the night economy because of the actions of a few. While I don't condone alcohol fueled violence, I can not understand why the vast majority of people enjoying Sydney's nightlife have to suffer draconian restrictions on the service of alcohol because a handful of late night revelers can not behave themselves.

Sydney is an international city.

Tourists are also confused as to why there are so many restrictions on drinking within the lockout area. This does not project a positive image of Sydney and will in the long run have a detrimental effect on the city's tourism economy.

Rather than penalizing everyone, patrons and the owners of late night bars, we need to change our drinking culture with a more measured and targeted approach.