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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG- RELATED VIOLENCE

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Please reconsider the 'Lock Out' laws for Sydney pubs & bars. The laws do nothing to address the wider problem of alcohol consumption, its societal & health affects, nor do they stop the problem of violence & excessive drinking. These are huge societal problems, and cannot be solved with a simple lock out. I regularly go out to Sydney music venues in the city & Inner West. I have observed many problems with the lock out's, including an increase in violent behaviours. For example, 1am lockouts create a rush of people attempting to get cabs to & from venues in & out of the city. This increases the risk of violence, as inebriated people are clambering for cabs, fighting amongst themselves & abusing &/or assaulting cab drivers in their haste to get. Pushing the problem to another area - ie the Inner West pubs and those that are out of the lock out zone (Newtown for example) is not solving the problem, it is just spreading it around. This is just white washing & is doing nothing to solve the problem - an alcohol fuelled social culture within Australia.

Kind regards,

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