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

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Hi my name is [REDACTED]

I'm one of the owners here at the backroom in potts point we have been here for 3 and a half years. I have been in the cross working for other venues for a total of 9 years.

Would just like to let you know how this lockout has effected us

As a venue operator I think that more should be going into punishing the culprits who are drunk and disorderly with harsher sentencing and longer time in jail.

Our venue the backroom has been known for hosting international artists, celebrities and also many charity events in the past this has brought a lot of positive attention to the cross.

We as a venue since the lock out laws have been introduced has seen our business drop by 40% of our revenue.

Our regular clientele are now going to venues outside the restriction zone, illegal warehouse parties and venue that aren't regulated at all.

The 130 lockout law is really punishing to our venue as we don't have a smoking area and people cant come back in after having a cigarette this is a huge problem and the loss of revenue is big.

Transport would have been the best way to go about this getting more of it at the crucial 2-4 period

The venues that are attracting this troublesome crowd should be being monitored and enforced, not every single venue in the area. It is unfair to pigeonhole every venue for the mistakes of a few. Remove the injection centre, the stripclubs and a couple of other venues and all of a sudden the crowd you are trying to keep out with these new laws will stop coming in to the area. Do you think these problems happen very often in an area like bondi? The eastern suburbs and potts point/darlinghurst locals crowds are our main demographic. Our venue has a very low incident rate. We are a small venue that closely monitors everything and everyone to ensure our brand and product is upheld. Two of our major revenue sources were the hospitality industry and after parties for concerts and gigs, who often arrived after finishing work anytime between 2am and 5am. These new lockouts prevent this crowd from being able to enter our

premises at all. These crowds attributed for 40% of our revenue which we have now lost.

Yours sincerely

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