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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE

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The 1.30am lockouts and 3am last drinks have impacted me negatively in the previous couple of months. Firstly after 3am venues push everyone (regardless of their state of intoxication) out on the street, this has not only made me feel really uncomfortable but also made it almost impossible for me to get home. This is because there is no public transport and cabs refuse to take me to Balmain (as its too close) at the best of times let alone at change over. This has meant that I have either had to find people heading in my direction or spend the next hour wandering the cold streets trying to find a nice cab driver. Now I don't know about everyone else but for a law that is meant to keep people like me safe, having a 23 year old girl walk the streets alone at night doesn't seem very safe.

Finally a few weeks ago I decided to go out for a dance and offered to drive my friends, as we left one venue quiet late I decided to drop my friends at the second venue and then park. Despite parking relatively quickly I didn't manage to make it to the door by lockout and was therefore denied entry and had to walk back to my car through the dark streets of Kings Cross by myself. I also wasn't there to drive my friends home later, which I found out meant a huge hassle for a friend who lives just around the corner from me who had fallen down the stairs and couldn't walk to a cab easily or comfortably. My incentive to stay out after 3am isn't to keep drinking believe it or not but to dance until myself and my friends are ready and cab drivers are willing to take me all the way home.