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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG- RELATED VIOLENCE

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The Lock out laws have increased the number of illegal warehouse parties around Sydney. This does the opposite of what the government wanted to achieve by pushing people into unregulated events without proper security, RSA and the ability to prevent drug use.

This was pointed out in a recent article by the SMH which can be found here:

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/illegal-warehouse-parties-boom-after-lockouts-20140810-zy0g9.html>

I've noticed some of this first hand with never being asked to attend a warehouse party but now twice within the last two months and noticing more advertising, promotions and registering of events in the music circulatories, publications, forums and websites.

And if the government doesn't change this policy it'll entrench this scene in the music industry with people eventually preferring the lawlessness rather than the regulated clubs and pubs after giving them a taste of this freedom.