

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

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Hi,

As the licensee of the Brighton Hotel Darlinghurst, I must commend the government's action on imposing these strict lock out laws. Establishments and patrons have "got" the message on alcohol fuel violence. I have noticed a downturn in aggressive behaviour on the street and people have generally accepted the lock out laws. The streets are safer on Oxford St. There is a downside however. Takings have dropped 33% in my establishment which has resulted in job losses and has impacted on the profitability on my establishment.

The solution,

Lock out on Oxford St should be 2 am and off licence trade should be allowed to go to 11pm and should be across NSW. Double Bay and Newtown are the places to go these days and are primed for a another alcohol fuel incident to occur.

My grief,

It is obvious to me that Kings Cross and George St were the problem areas and Oxford St was the "meat between the Sandwich". I have invested money to bring life to the live music scene, which I achieved and now I am at a significant disadvantage when establishments outside the lock out zone are advertising Slogans like "beat the lockouts". It's lame and not a good thing for our international City.

My input,

I am willing to discuss whoever wants to listen to help on finding a reasonable compromise.

Contact me if you like and I hope this submission is not to late, I'm busy running this venue. Check us out on facebook, Brighton Up Bar, where Tommorrow's music is played today.

Peace
Sam Skoulis

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