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

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So what I was thinking was getting rid of the lock out laws and concentrate more on primary and secondary education, teaching kids, getting at the source. Although a majority of us get the idea of going out and having a good time without having to sort to violence when put into situations of conflict.

Also the statistics show that these laws were a drastic over reaction to media and public pressure, but according to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, over the past five years assaults on licensed premises across the state have fallen by 7.2 per cent and off-premises the incidence has dropped 3.9 per cent. In the Kings Cross area over the same period, assaults in licensed premises have fallen while off-premises they have remained stable.

I'm also aware that in the areas affected there a peaks of violence located near licensed premises that sell alcohol. But that doesn't mean it's still not dropping.

Highlighted incidents have been the main drive for pressure on the government to act by placing these laws on us without any regard for the rest of the night life culture and business that thrives in these areas in a respectable, fun loving manner.

I don't believe a case of one in all in should apply, why should we all suffer at the hands of a few.

Also the fact that premises like the casino are exempt is shocking.

I'd like to make the point that it seems like this is all about rising the price of areas located in these areas that are prime for redevelopment in order to increase the profits of those around.