

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

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To whom it may concern,

Re: The Lockout Laws In Sydney

People are attracted to Sydney because of its vibrant nightlife. There used to be always something going on and there used to be always something to see at all hours of the night and day. Since the new Lockout Laws, the Sydney CBD is a ghost town. I walked down Oxford St a couple of weeks ago at 12am and it was dead and soulless. What a shame...

Why should I be punished for the stupid acts of a few idiots who roam the streets of Sydney looking for a boozed up fight? If the government thinks that they are fooling Sydney siders into thinking that the government is doing something about 'alcohol fueled violence', think again. We are not stupid. We are living and breathing the streets, we are on the ground and we know what is REALLY happening.

So, please reconsider these ridiculous, archaic rules that are merely a band aid solution to the problem and stop punishing the average Sydney sider. Most of all stop depriving us of our civil liberties. Goddammit if I want a shot at 1am, as a contributing member of my community, I should be able to have one!

Education is the answer. We can look to other countries for strategies to manage problem drinking, after all Australia is a young country and we can learn from other European countries who have had similar problems.

Honestly, in the international scheme of things, this is bloody embarrassing.

Yours Sincerely,

