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MEASURES TO REDUCE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED VIOLENCE

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Problems the lock-out laws have caused...

1. Hospitality workers in the affected area's are not able to go out following a long night shift.
2. Partygoers are drinking even earlier because they need to go out earlier.
3. Some bars have rules such as 'No tattoos' and if you get there late you partygoers may not have time to find another bar to go to, this causes them to get angry and riled up, I have seen this happen many times.
4. Drinks are stopped at 3am, many people choose to leave at this time because they cannot buy any more alcohol to keep them going, meaning thousands of people are on the streets of Sydney between 3.00 - 4.00, which is also the time that Taxi's are changing over meaning it is practically impossible to find a taxi, which again leaves people angry, annoyed and drunk.
5. There are many illegal parties now due to the lockout laws, and in addition to that people are just going to area's that aren't affected such as Surry Hills and Newtown.
6. This has had a big strain on live music, I know I personally used to enjoy going to watch a live cover band play around 8-9pm have a couple of drinks and then head to bed or onto a club later, but now many bars known for live music have cancelled this and moved their dj's in earlier. This is not giving the public the chance to go enjoy a small amount of alcohol whilst listening to a band, and is pushing us to go out clubbing instead.
7. Numerous bars that are extremely popular in Sydney are on the verge of closing down because of the lockout laws.
8. after 1.30am smokers are trapped inside a venue, because many bars do not have a smoking area within the venue, so if someone wants to go for a cigarette they are to able to get back into the bar/club, meaning they will stay in the club and seeing as they cannot have a cigarette they will just drink more. It is also very bad to not allow clobbers the chance to have a fresh breath of air, if a club is extremely busy, hot and partygoers may want to cool down, there is nowhere to do this (see bars such as sidebar and scary canaries for example)

Yes the crime rate may have decreased according to your statistics, and you may have made a lot of money in fines, but the reputation of Sydney's nightlife is going down with it, partygoers are being left extremely angry and businesses are struggling. These laws did not work in other parts of Australia, why would it make a difference here?

People always find a way of getting what they want, you ban drugs from people... it makes them want it even more because it is against the rules... you set rules that affect a clabbers typical night out...they will just seek illegal parties or go to area's not affected. Therefore the problem the lockout laws set to resolve is not being resolved they are just being moved to new area's.

Read the internet, social media, articles by tone-deaf, inthemix and fasterlouder etc. Do some research and you will see these laws are not doing any good.