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## **SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY**

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If the lockout laws in Kings Cross are rolled back or repealed it will be a significantly undemocratic act by the parliament. The residents around Kings Cross do not want this; the police do not want this; the hospitals and ambulance service do not want this and the small businesses in the area do not want it.

The only ones who want it are the vendors of alcohol, illicit drugs and prostitution.

Why would the parliament put the interests of those few people ahead of the interests of constituents and those who work in the area? If the laws are to be rolled back or repealed it should be done on a trial basis and police presence (foot patrols) in the Cross should be hugely increased, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights.

At the moment the Cross is a pleasant area to be in in the evenings. If the lockout laws are rolled back or repealed it will, more than likely, return to the disgusting scene of drunk or drugged louts fighting, intimidating passers-by and vomiting and defecating in public. No part of any civilised city should witness such degeneracy.

I have been a world traveller since I went to sea nearly 60 years ago and I can honestly say that nowhere in the world, not even in the most notorious ports, have I seen such base behaviour as I have witnessed many times in the Cross before the lockout laws.