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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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The lock out laws have made a significant impact on business, culture, live entertainment and tourism in the city. I play in Sydney 3-8 times a week and on too many occasions to recall, have tourists who are the ONLY two or three people at the venue ask me what the hell is going on and why is the largest city in the country closed down and a ghost town. I leave the venue to get my car and many time do not pass ONE other person on the sometimes, 1km walk. Then there are the venues I play that used to be full of people that are now dead or closed or don't have live music anymore. Meanwhile the police rooms are still open, the casino that has the most violent rep in Sydney is still trading at will, why? Coz two people were attacked in the cross a few years ago? It's gambling that destroys lives in this city not being out enjoying yourself at 3am yet the govt is more than happy to keep those dollars rolling in at the expiate of families, suicides etc. it's knee jerk politics that has only moved whatever issue there was to Newtown and other areas. Police now travel further to sort issues. There will ALWAYS be a minority that do the wrong thing. Punish them for it, not the community as a whole. And if your courts aren't doing that properly then you need to look at that system, not throw ridiculous nanny state measures that pander to your idea of the vote winning members of the community that don't go out and don't participate in these issues anyway. Put laws in place like electronic ID to enter venues, get kicked out then every venue has that info when they attempt to access another venue. Punish the idiots that deserve it, rather than the whole city.