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

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I believe a balance in the Sydney lockout laws, as one of the terms fo reference, can certainly be achieved even better by relaxing said laws, which will improve the outcomes on the other three terms of reference detailed below.

To relax the lockout laws would enhance personal and community safety by increasing the number of people in certain areas at certain hours that would under the lockout laws be deserted, and therefore a potentially risky location. Certainly a balance would need to be achieved in regards to not overpopulating other areas that will over crowd if laws were to relax.

Relaxing the lockout laws WHILE encouraging better education/moderation of alcohol intake in young people will improve health outcomes achieved in school age and school leavers; as a result, the number of people out over a longer duration but drinking less because their hours aren't restricted, or only going out earlier/later depending on when other commitments make them available will create better individual and community health outcomes, not limiting the time they can purchase or consume alcohol (leading to binges) but educating and encouraging moderation, so they are not drinking at any time they can.

Relaxing Sydney's lockout laws would have an obvious beneficial effect on the night time economy of Sydney. Particular establishments with unusual or niche trading hours and experiences (such is the new economic transaction where one party receives an 'experience' rather than a good/service) would resume trading and other more general establishments would have longer hours, leading to longer shifts/more jobs while supplementary establishments such as fast food vendors and liquor stores would also benefit in the generally increased presence within the city in the late hours of the day.