

**Submission
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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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Hello,

While I am wholeheartedly behind creating a safe environment for all, I believe the lockout laws currently in effect are not the way to do it. The laws created in retaliation to public outcry at fatal king hits in the streets outside venues now force disgruntled patrons out onto the streets all at the same time with NSW's inadequate public transport at this time and are a mixing pot of violence, any statistics that show the downturn in violence do not also represent the fact that the city is now empty. The laws have had such a detrimental effect on the "nightlife" that establishments are closing at unprecedented rates with the properties bought up for development purposes making the damage wrought by these laws irreparable. The culture behind some of the establishments obviously needs internal review, and there is a clear attitude problem with a percentage of Sydney's nightlife population, but this can be approached without damaging the entire culture of Sydney as a liveable and touristic city. Surely ensuring establishments meet the RSA and RSG standards and any other applicable laws in addition to better trained and more numerous security and police and a banned from one banned from all policy with more technological vetting (fingerprints, ID scanners) is a more appropriate way to approach this violent culture while allowing the music and nightlife, the whole culture of Sydney to rebuild and try and fix the mess the lockout laws have wrought. I sincerely hope an alternative can be found by this committee, and any representative statistics of violence in the future also represent the downturn in patronage to effected areas and the closure of establishments.

Best of luck in this endeavour.

Sincerely,

Reece Murphy