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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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Sydney Lockout Laws

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I am taking the time to write this submission to express my displeasure with the Sydney lockout laws. I often travel to Sydney and stay in Sydney city from my home in regional NSW. I have been doing this for 35 years. I stay in Sydney for business, sometimes for entertainment, and other times to show international visitors my home City. I can say that since the lockout laws I have become embarrassed at the state of the city after dark. It is a ghost town compared to what it was 10 years and more ago. It is difficult to find a place to sit down for a meal after 9pm and light entertainment is also very difficult to find.

Isn't there another way to control bad behaviour by a few rather than spoil a cities reputation and spoil the ambience of a once vibrant city.

Overseas friends often arrive on one of the many evening flights at Sydney airport. I take them into a hotel in the city. By the time they have checked in and we are ready to have a snack and a few drinks it is around 11pm. This is when most establishments are closing up. Ok it might be that the hours have been relaxed a little of recent years but the 7 or so years has destroyed confidence by the bar and restaurant owners. The people have gone so they cannot stay open longer hours.

I ask that the government significantly relaxes the early closing laws and just as importantly implements a plan and encourages businesses to revitalise the cities night culture such as live music venues, street entertainment, late night food, and improves safety. Other cities can do it, so why not Sydney?

For the record I have no interest in any business impacted to the laws.

Thanks you
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