

**Submission
No 232**

SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Organisation: Thai Rock - Potts Point

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Thai Rock is a Thai and Steakhouse Restaurant which opened in December 2018; our primary service is food however we do have a bar which serves a variety of alcohol beverages. Whilst it was our intention to open until midnight, the lack of trade after 22:00 makes this prohibitive. We are also required to implement ID Scanners which cause both issues and concern from many of our clientele who live locally, usually because they do not carry ID when walking from their homes which are within the surrounding area of the restaurant. We are forced to turn away business, which after 21:00 at best is scarce, and the compounding effect is that those customers who are refused entry become upset and often claim they will never return and I believe this is a message they will communicate to their friends and colleagues in an unsympathetic manner. Whilst I recognise and agree with the requirement for governance, control and accountability over the actions of patrons whilst in our establishments, I believe the introduction of the new Licencee and Advanced Licencee Certification contributes significantly to this understanding. Restaurants such as my establishment do not require ID scanners and should be able to encourage people to the area to be entertained at hours beyond those we currently operate within. The Kings Cross area was once, and can be again, a bustling and vibrantly magnetic area where businesses can thrive and generate safe environments for our locals and guests to the area. Many areas in the world have successfully achieved this without draconian measures, my view is the accountability of the licencee is paramount. This is the area that should be focused upon, once licencees fully understand and accept this accountability, the responsibility, accountability and liability clearly lies with them. We need the area to be revitalised, both for the suppliers, the residents and the patrons of the area. Local businesses need to be given the support to contribute to this revitalisation, revision of the lock out laws will contribute significantly to this support.

We need support

Regards

David Boyd, supporter of a new, safe, vibrant and fun Kings Cross Precinct