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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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The Hon. Natalie Ward MLC
Committee Chair Joint Select Committee on Sydney's night time economy

Dear Ms Ward

SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Inquiry into Sydney's night time economy. I have been living in Sydney for five years and think that it is a more vibrant, diverse and safe place since the lockout laws were introduced.

I strongly oppose any watering down or removal of these laws. They save lives, prevent violence and ill-health, and they have improved Sydney. They have been effective in doing what they were supposed to do – why would you water them down?

Kings Cross actually has a lot of nice restaurants to go to, and since the lockout laws were introduced you can actually go there without having to witness intoxicated people spewing or yelling in the streets. But that is actually not the reason why I support these laws – restaurants and drinking aren't important to me – the safety and wellbeing of the community are. And these laws have improved the safety and wellbeing of our community.

It would be so disheartening to see these laws watered down or repealed after how effective they have been, and how much things have improved since they were introduced.

The health and safety of our community should be at the front of your mind during this inquiry, not the wealth or enjoyment of a few.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to raise these important issues with you.