

**Submission
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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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Hi,

My name is Hayley Wilson,
I live in Alexandria and work in Alexandria. I've lived and grown up in this area for 25 years.

I am a mother to two young girls who will also grow up in this area. So I am writing behalf of myself and how the late night lock out laws have affected me but also am concerned for the next generation and the limited options and how these laws affect our culture.

I'm writing to recommend a repeal of the lockout laws as part of the Joint Select Committee on Sydney's night time economy.

The lockout laws have been damaging to Sydney's night life because it has not only shut down late night business but killed any small amount of late night options there were available. As a global city, I travel to Europe and Asia regularly and you really notice the difference of late night culture and feel very safe as it's supported and open to all ages and types of business. There are options in all other global cities. But Sydney feels like there are no or limited options and this has got to cause effect on culture, community, creativity. If you did want to do something late at night I'm afraid there are non safe options available or the teenagers / 20 somethings will get up to no good out on the streets or private not controlled lock-ins. I believe in an open and safe environment and the late night precinct would be such a great beginning for Sydney.

It's impacted on me because I enjoy late night culture, I love to enjoy live and late night music and dancing, some of the best experiences and friendships I've made in life is through this. I enjoy seeing a buzz when community is enjoying night culture, dining, creative, the smiles on faces and the connections of friends. This vibe has all been shutdown over Sydney, mostly it has moved to Newtown you just need to visit there on a Saturday night to see this is the only option available it's the new Kings Cross which is sad in itself as Newtown is losing its own unique identity . How about spread this back into other areas of Sydney.

I would like to see the NSW Government take the following action:

- Repeal the lockout laws;
- Establish 24 hour public transport from Friday to Sunday night to give people a way to get home;
- Support the City of Sydney's plans to establish a 24 hour city centre, increase trading hours for low impact venues in local centres and establish a late night trading precinct in Alexandria.
- Support 'agent of change' laws and entertainment precincts to protect existing live music venues from noise complaints.

Kind regards
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