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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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To Whom Ever Is Listening,

I understand that a sense of control needed to be taken on idiot hooligans, mostly those that do not even entertain in the city often and actually come into the city from the suburbs and ruin it for all of us.

I used to work as a bar tender for 12 years, in different pubs and clubs, sometimes at the same time. And no all I see are workers and business owners lose their livelihoods, entire suburbs lose their vibrancy and identities, and the public lose confidence in the city they've chosen to live in. I know I have.

Someone even said to me yesterday that Melbourne's nightlife has over taken that of Sydney's...
MELBOURNE ????

I now do not work in that industry anymore as there are no jobs, DJ's and bar staff and so many people who relied on these venues being open have had to supplement their income other ways or just by moving out of Sydney.

Researchers from The University of Queensland, Griffith University and Queensland University of Technology conducted research on the effectiveness of legislation in trouble-prone spots in the state's southeast. From 2014 to 2017, the team carried out blood alcohol readings on members of the public as they entered and exited designated night-time entertainment districts (NEDs) and also interviewed patrons about their drinking behaviors. Finally, they collected crime data to look at instances of alcohol-fuelled violence.

"A study into controversial lockout laws has found they offer virtually no benefit in reducing violence, stemming heavy intoxication and making patrons less fearful. People entering night-life areas were considerably drunker and arrived much later, consumed no less alcohol while inside and were more likely to have also taken drugs at home. On top of that, there was no reduction in violent assaults or people's fear of being assaulted while out."

I now commute out to Parramatta for a Call Centre job, and I take the public trains back into Sydney on a Friday night. The amount of kids and young adults that now drink on their way into the city, with vodka and scotch reeking from the 1.25 Pepsi bottle clutched for dear life in their hands and being passed around and around between 5 to 10 people..... your cutting down the alcohol in the locations they are visiting, is doing nothing. They are finding ways around it. At least in the pubs and clubs we, the workers/bouncers/bar staff/bar backs, can keep an eye out for people who seem to be getting intoxicated and then offer water/soft drink/a sit down outside... How does this happen when they are already tipsy when they arrive ?

Please do something to change these lock out laws.

Please don't make me move to Melbourne.... PLEASE !!!

Warm Regards

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