

**Submission
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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my opinion and concern in regards to the lock out laws in Sydney. Growing up in the North Western suburbs of Sydney, my friends and I would often travel into the city whether it was to enjoy a night at a bar or at a live gig. The trouble used to be getting home from 11 pm onwards as there were infrequent trains. The alternative after midnight would be to catch the night rider bus home, which was considerably longer than the train or an expensive taxi ride home. The taxi about 8/10 years would cost around \$80/100. I no longer live in the suburbs and can just imagine it must cost a lot more to travel to the outer suburbs these days. I believe Sydney should have 24 hour public transport, which would allow younger people to be able to get home a lot easier, quicker and cheaper rather than loitering in the city. This would allow the lock out laws to be rolled back or removed altogether as the concern of groups of intoxicated people remaining in the CBD and surrounding areas would be decreased.

Now that I am a resident of Sydney, getting home is a lot easier. However, at the age of 30 I am less likely to walk home, even though I live with 10 mins to Surry Hills. I feel as though foot traffic has significantly decreased since the lock out laws were introduced. Despite living in close proximity to the CBD now, I feel a lot less safer than I used to walking on my own.

As a resident, Sydney is a beautiful international city and should be a city we should be proud of. However, my friends and I feel disappointed in our city. The city used to feel lively, culturally rewarding and thriving. Unfortunately, with venues and businesses closing due to the lock out laws, Sydney feels like a nanny state in which it's residents are not trusted to make their own decisions.

I ask you to please look at alternatives to the lock out laws. We all want a safe city, however a safe and thriving city that we can enjoy and love.

Thank you for your time in reading my submission.

Best Regards,

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