

**Submission
No 677**

SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Organisation: Ryan's Bar

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Joint Select Committee On Sydney's Night Time Economy

Submission by Katarina Irvine

Qualifications:

Licensee/General Manager – Ryan's Bar 2015 until now

Previous management at Bar 333 from 2010-2014

Issues:

Public Transport; Buses, trains, light rail and ferry services running efficiently and in conjunction to meet demands predominantly late at night.

Uber has changed most transport issues patrons faced in the form of private and safe travel late at night.

Council:

Council must accept that late trading hotels and bars incorporating a differing array of entertainment including DJ's and live music are an important part of vibrant city nightlife in Sydney's CBD as well as any other major city internationally. Crowds, noise and people on the street is at the core of any successful entertainment precinct world-wide.

Policing:

The attitude of the police to the public and patrons within in a licensed venue must change and vice versa.

The attitude of policing over the years from the goodwill and concern for the public at night to a far more aggressive form of control and regulations, particularly toward licensed venues and more disturbingly to a whole generation of younger people in social situations has been taken to the extreme in accordance with the lock-out law. There is now an obvious culture of disrespect on both sides that will takes years to recover from, even if inclination is there to do so.

A constant presence of police on the street in the non-threatening capacity, which was until several years ago the case, would be highly beneficial in terms of public safety and goodwill.

Bad behaviour on the street should not automatically be attributed to hotels.

Penalties towards licensed premises should be selective and not universal. In all instances the size and capacity of the venues as well the degree of severity of the assault/incident should be considered. Those venues and licensees that do not comply with their liquor licence, DA conditions, RSA, POM and Liquor Accord conditions should be penalised accordingly. However, those venues that do operate within the boundaries of their approvals should not be detrimentally affected by a one punishment fits all approach.

I support the submission by the AHA that the current powers of the Liquor Act 2007 are comprehensive enough to regulate non-compliant operators and that the blanket lock-out laws should be abolished.

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