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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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It is my belief from first hand experiences and those of second/third hand information that the lockout laws should be repealed.

Although the major issues were exclaimed to be within Sydney, the laws themselves were tested here in Newcastle.

I felt safer walking the streets at night before the lockouts as there was more of a police presence and less people kept out from venues at 1/130am.

Although statements say there may have been a reduction in violence through Kings Cross, violence has risen in other parts of Sydney. There is a flow on effect and I always feel that is better to have the law woven within the fabric of the community rather than what has now happened, a disconnect and separation.

Is it not better to keep in touch with what is happening and have access to clubs and pubs serving until the early hours, rather than pushing people to end nights early and not entrusting some sense of independence with late night goers.

This lockout law has only pushed international acts away, many different genres of music who bring tourism to the city, no longer wish to fly here as the costs are too high and venues cannot stay open longer and make the money to pay.

Too many factors for the negatives of this law have come about and it is finally time to remove a tested method that simply wasn't as good as it was supposed to be. I see revenue lost for a lot of businesses and in turn, loss of revenue for the city itself. There are major financial benefits to removing the lockout law and just policing districts more.