

**Submission
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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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Dear Committee Mambers

Night Time Economies.

I am afraid I do not have time to write a comprehensive or detailed submission on the issue of Sydney's Night Time economy (or on night time economies statewide or at a federal level) as unfortunately (in terms of my time / this issue) I am too busy at work. A problem that many of us have trying to stay afloat in this incredibly expensive city.

However none of this diminishes my anger and frustration at the harm that lockout laws, heavy-handed policing, ridiculous insurance costs (that get passed on to the punters via ticket prices or just simply "make it all too expensive") along with antiquated attitudes towards harm minimisation and safety etc. have done to this once vibrant city.

The reasons are almost inexplicable a few idiots king-hitting innocent bystanders?

that is assuming you can look beyond all the vested interests making money out of killing the city and understand that those in power are now too old to enjoy a night time economy and so are quite happy to kill it for others (and probably misguidedly believe they are somehow protecting their own children or grandchildren in the process)

I no longer go out (as I am too old) but I have previously thoroughly enjoyed this once vibrant city - and many many other cities around the globe (I have lived in many different parts of the world) who have evidence a plenty about what good a night time economy does in terms of jobs and culture and wealth creation.

So really simply: Stop and listen to the people - we want a safe vibrant interesting and diverse 24 hour economy in the City stop killing it - please. Thank you