

**Submission
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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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I am writing to express my concerns as to the many restaurants and bars that have been forced to close as patronage has declined due to the draconian lock-out laws that have been enacted by the Berejeklian Government. Instead of having a vibrant and humming Capital City, Sydney has become a place to avoid, especially after dark. The transportation system is worse than woeful and there are so fewer places to visit that for the first time in my 66 years as a resident of this city I find that I can no longer be bothered going into town as they say. Many of my favourite restaurants have closed and the way the city has become almost inaccessible is nothing short of tragic. From the city centre to Surry Hills and beyond, to Kings Cross and Potts Point in the east and to Barrangaroo and the Rocks to the north the city is now almost derelict. A relaxation of the lock-out laws and an improved public transport system, including trains and buses running around the clock would go some way to revitalising our poor city. As the population grows rapidly over the next decade, as forecast, people will rely more and more on public transport. There will be greater numbers of shift-workers, students, teachers, office-workers - in fact, everyone who will be seeking after hours entertainment, small bars offering boutique beers, good food and live entertainment rather than clubs and pubs with poker machines. Hopefully an improvement in services and repeal of the lock-out laws may also bring back some fine dining establishments of which too many have closed and too few remain.

Regards

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