

**Submission
No 718**

SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Organisation: Phillip's Foote Restaurant

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Fully Licensed Restaurant



FINE WINE – FINE FOOD

1st July 2019

Dear Whom it may concern,

Re: Sydney Lockout law review / City night time economy

I write on behalf of our business Phillip's Foote Restaurant which is situated in the heart of The Rocks, Sydney. Phillip's Foote was established in 1975 and has been operating as a successful and popular restaurant ever since. Our customer base is of all ages and a mix of local Sydneysiders, interstate visitors and tourists from around the world.

I, Nathan Copeland, have been with Phillip's Foote for some 29 years. I currently both manage and have a share in the business.

The lockout laws that were introduced in February 2014 and have had a positive effect on addressing the issues of alcohol fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour. However they have also had a significant impact on our business. Although Phillip's Foote is only licenced until 12am and has not directly been affected by restricted opening times, we have however been affected by a noticeable drop in trade. Significantly from 10pm onwards and particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. The business suffered a drop of about 25% on these evenings almost immediately after the lockout laws were introduced.

It's the quietest The Rocks has been in my 29 years in the precinct. There are noticeably fewer people on the streets and trade after 10pm is virtually non-existent. The night time trade that was once in the city has been shifted to other surrounding suburbs, simply because they are not affected by these lockout laws.

We believe both the public and the business operators have been sent a message and behavioural habits of patrons have changed for the better. It is time to have these lockout laws reversed. The long term affects would have a far greater impact on not only the local businesses but on Sydney as a whole. The negative impact on tourism combined with the loss of job opportunities is too big to ignore. It is time to re-invigorate the city night life and put Sydney back on the map before it's too late!

Yours Sincerely,

Nathan Copeland

Manager / Part owner