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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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Sydney is becoming a nanny state where there is an uneasy feeling where residents young and old do not trust the government who are seeking to control our behaviors rather than effectively review more proactive ways of addressing problems, eg education, health experts, studies, reviewing effective policies in other countries/states, safer transport, a compassionate police force we are not afraid of approaching.

To date the proposed solutions have only shown irrelevant statistics (of course there is reduced violence where there is practically NO foot traffic) and moved the problems and resulted in increased violence in other suburbs and at the casino (which seems to be a corrupt way of increasing business for the wealthy).

The government is destroying our culture, music industry, freedoms, incomes, jobs not to mention the businesses that are suffering or have closed down or the impact on our economy.

The destruction of Kings Cross night life has also has a devastating effect on our LGBT community which once thrived there in a safe and supportive environment.

Our children are petrified of police and swallowing pills at the first sign of a sniffer dog, our kids need drug education and a safe place to go and seek help. Drugs are not safe, but they are a reality you can't just say 'no' to, this zero tolerance policy is not working and is killing them.

As a Sydney girl born and raised, I sadly don't even recommend my home state to foreigners anymore. I am not proud of my once vibrant, inclusive city, and I have lost faith in my government as they refuse to even listen to valid research and evidence and just say NO. Please look after and listen to all our voices, because right now you are failing us and it feels like the only objective is listening to the wealthy and making the wealthy wealthier.