

**Submission  
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## **SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY**

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Dear hearing committee,

As a born and bred Sydney spider, I find it to be an absolute shame the extent to which our lockout laws are enforced and the detrimental impact this has had on the nsw economy over the past five years. I was fortunate enough to experience a pre-lockout law Sydney and the response by the O'farrell, Baird and bjerejiklien governments has been inappropriate. I would much rather see the introduction of a three strike system, where those causing violence are barred from that district for a significant period of time. The impact of these laws have only moved the drama elsewhere in the city and has only resulted in the closure of once popular venues. Only to be replaced by office blocks and boring developments. In fact, in the wonderful city of wollongong, where they have no lock out laws, their nightlife is significantly better than that in the Sydney CBD. I understand the importance of regulation, protecting society and creating a safer environment, but lock out laws are not the way to achieve this. Therefore I put it before the committee to look into the three strike system, a relaxation of lock out law hours from the current time of 1:30am to 3am and to allow the extension of trading hours to suit the needs of the venue.

I have been to developing countries in no name cities that have a far better atmosphere than Sydney, and as an Australian and Sydney Sider I find this to be a shame. Please consider the words I have put forward when you are determining your decision.