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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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The lockout laws and the associated rules around drinking spirits, bottle shops etc have been a disaster for Sydney and its reputation internationally.

You have destroyed the live music scene and driven nightlife underground where it is far less safe and impossible to control and regulate. We can't get a meal after 8:30pm and can no longer even go to the cinema for a late night showing as the city is so dead that even the businesses that still survive are not able to support themselves opening late. Simply compare the movie times at the same cinemas in Melbourne and Sydney! What an embarrassment.

The city is now less safe to walk around at night, you have forced people to 'pre-load' before attempting to go out, and made drugs a far more attractive option for all of us. Dealers do not shut at 11pm!

I am aware that the whole thing was a smoke screen so that a few of you could profit from property deals, but that is done now. You've killed the city, ruined countless lives and we will now watch as all of the hastily thrown up units sit empty so the owners can benefit from negative gearing until they are forced to be rebuilt anyway as it is discovered they are unsafe.

This could be the greatest city in the world and you have ruined it. You are so utterly out of touch with modern life and do not appear to realise the implications of destroying culture.