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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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It is definitely time to remove the legislation that has been placed regarding lockout laws etc.

These laws have had a huge impact on the nightlife in Sydney city. I remember moving here at about the age of 18 and going out with my friends. The city and nightlife venues were bustling with people and it had such an incredible vibe.

Sydney has produced some really great musicians and artists, who were able to make a career out of what they do because they were able to lay a solid foundation thanks to the night life in our city.

Now, a lot of these musicians have left, moving overseas or interstate because the nightlife here has become so abysmal. This is a small minority, I know, but none the less, we shouldn't be creating an environment where people are forced to do so at the cost of the majority's enjoyment.

In conjunction with that, people don't want to go out anymore because they feel their night would be cut short, or they wouldn't be allowed to have the fun that they used to have. Everybody has stress in their lives, and for so many people, the best release they get is going out of a weekend to enjoy a good time with their friends and listen to music.

I would also highlight that it is pointless for the government to try and keep everybody safe. Being alive is inherently dangerous, there are so many risks associated with being alive, and it is NOT the governments responsibility to keep people safe.

How many people are killed in car crashes every year, yet we can still drive cars. How many people die of coronary heart disease every year from eating poor diets based on fast food? How many people a year die due to drowning? The statistics are all quite high, yet we are still allowed to do these things. People need to start being more responsible for themselves. Creating legislation to try and save people from their own behaviour is a step in the wrong direction.

The thing is that most of the things in life that are fun, come with a risk.

Also, it is so embarrassing to meet people from overseas who have spent time, or a spending time in Sydney and want to go out. They always ask what is up with all the rules and they cannot believe that this is what the government has put in place.

Sydney was renowned as place with a vibrant, diverse nightlife. It was the hub in this country in which all the other major cities were compared to. It is time for it to return to its former glory, so that all the jobs, friendships, and good times can return with it.