

PETITION to KEEP SYDNEY OPEN

To the Honourable the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

This Petition of citizens of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House the damaging impact of the “lockout laws” on culture, personal freedom, business and Sydney's global reputation. We agree that the city's streets should be safer, however we disagree that the way to do this is by locking people out of music venues and shutting down our nightlife. Well-run venues provide safe spaces for late night entertainment and make a big contribution to our reputation as one of the world's great entertainment cities. We demand smarter solutions. We must take a thoughtful and cross-government approach to preventing assaults. A vibrant nightlife and safe streets are not mutually exclusive. With considered, innovative policies we can keep our streets safe and Keep Sydney Open.

The undersigned petitioners ask the Legislative Assembly to:

1. Call on the Government to commit to developing innovative policies that ensure a diversity of venues and late-night entertainment options with consideration of safety, public amenities, transport, security and density issues.
2. Recognise the value and contribution that live music, night-time culture, and creativity make to Sydney and its residents, as well as its global reputation.
3. Put an end to the Kings Cross and CBD lock-outs and rule out implementing further lock-outs in Sydney.
4. Acknowledge that alcohol-related violence is not inevitable and that through responsible planning and government initiatives Sydney's nightlife can remain vibrant and accessible to all.

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Please return this petition to the office of Jenny Leong at 383 King St Newtown.
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