

## **Lockout law success**

THE days of Kings Cross as an entertainment district where drinking to excess is encouraged and condoned must end.

Residents support doctors and medical staff who want lockout laws to be given a fair trial and not diluted due to pressure from the Australian Hotels Association.

The claims about loss of employment and hardship pertain to a few business owners and are inconsequential when compared to the harm done to people before the introduction of lockout laws and which saw the deaths of Thomas Kelly and Daniel Christie.

Daytime businesses are beginning to diversify and thrive. Residents are able to walk the streets with a greater degree of safety now hordes of intoxicated and aggressive people no longer fill the streets of Kings Cross day and night.

We strongly recommend the trial continue for the safety of our neighbourhood, and that impacted businesses rethink how to generate revenue in ways other than encouraging people to drink themselves senseless. We also urge that a national examination of our alcohol culture be given the highest priority.

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