

Area ugly before lockout laws in force

As a resident of Woolloomooloo and a frequent visitor to the Kings Cross Potts Point precincts I wish to fully support the recommendations made in the Callinan Report ("Medics warn violence will rise if alcohol laws eased", October 13.) How anyone could deny the improved amenity of the area is quite beyond me. How anyone could dispute an independent report based on the facts laid out by the police and staff at St Vincent's Hospital is equally beyond me.

Has everyone forgotten how ugly the area was before the lockout laws came into effect? Let me help remind you – urination, defecation, vomit, obscene language, drunk and disorderly behaviour, vandalism, aggression and about 20,000 people who thought it OK to come into someone else's neighbourhood to trash themselves and make life a misery for those living in or visiting the area.

Please don't change the Callinan recommendations – they were recommended for good reason.

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