

## **Council needs to act**

CLOVER Moore, as Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, has promoted policies that have clearly contributed to creating violent, anti-social and generally out-of-control behaviour in Kings Cross on weekends. There has been an explosion in the number of alcohol outlets, extended hours, and increased patron numbers from 2007 to 2013. This has resulted in an influx of people to the area who are often pre-loaded with alcohol. They want fun at any price, their own or others. Blaming the State Govern-

ment is convenient for the city, but does not solve the problem.

The City of Sydney council has the power to return Kings Cross to a place of vibrant, rather than violent night life. The council can:

- Oppose liquor licence applications, including extended hours applications to the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority;

- Provide stricter examination of development applications so that the cumulative impact of premises is legitimate grounds for refusing permission;

- Utilise rangers to enforce DA conditions;

- Accurately record breach complaints and close down premises with a history of non-compliance.

Lord Mayor, it's time to rethink policies and approve DAs that produce diversity in the night-time economy. Residents deserve better than being told by the Lord Mayor at a recent council meeting to "get used to it".

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