

Safe Night Out plan

Dear Committee,

At night, the safest place to be at nighttime (in Surfers Paradise, Brisbane City or Fortitude Valley) is inside one of the bars.

They are well-lit and have multiple security guards and cameras.

I believe that bars that open later than midnight should be forced to stay open until 6am.

This way, the staff and the customers can walk home in daylight safely and don't have to walk through the streets at night where there are no buses or trains.

Keeping the bars open is a privatised way of ensuring safety of everyone in the entertainment areas.

All bars should be forced to stay open later so the customers don't get suddenly kicked out onto the dark and unsafe street.

I propose a 5am lockout and at earliest 6am mandatory end of trading for bars and clubs open later than 3am.

This is to protect people who work in the nightclub industry as well as normal people who go out for a drink. (Which include people who work nights and might only be able to meet friends from 3am or 4am)

Also I believe mandatory body cameras for security guards would be a huge asset. It seems every year we see cases of paralysis or death from over-zealous or drug-taking security guards.

Please insert provisions for open-til-dawn rules and extended trading hours into this Bill.

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