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ZERO TOLERANCE POLICING THROUGHOUT NEW SOUTH WALES

Victor supports the introduction of Zero Tolerance Policing and the abolition of Early Lock Out Laws and Liquor Trading Zones.

What is Zero Tolerance Policing?

Zero Tolerance Policing is a zero tolerance of petty crimes that then leads to larger crimes. Small time criminals currently go onto committing much more serious and dangerous crimes. J-Walking is an offence and spitting in the street used to be an offence. Spitting in the street is at best an ugly sight. Many people regard shop lifting as merely petty crime. However Shop lifting simply finances a criminal's habit that leads to bigger crimes.

Early Lock Out Laws and Liquor Trading Zones

New South Wales Police have said that Early Lock Out Laws are not required with Zero Tolerance Policing.

Early Lock Out Laws were introduced when two people hit and killed two people in a cowardly way. These attacks were the excuse to introduce Early Lock Out Laws for Pubs, Clubs and Liquor Bottle Shops. These attacks would never have occurred if New South Wales had Zero Tolerance Policing.

Violence that occurs on the streets is for Police to control. Responsible Service of Alcohol regulations are for Licensed Premises to control. If Licensed Premises are not doing their job then penalties should be increased considerably and enforced.

The Early Lock Out Laws have hit many businesses hard and forced staff to be laid off in the hospitality and security industries. Businesses in Kings Cross, Oxford Street and the Sydney CBD are experiencing a major downturn in trade and due to Liquor Trading Zone Laws crime, people and problems are heading to Double Bay, Leichhardt and Newtown.

The Early Lock Out Laws were introduced just in time for Sydney's Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade and Festival. These laws have simply been another attack on Oxford Street businesses and community.

When Sydney hosts a second Olympic Games, Early Lock Out Laws and Liquor Trading Zones would have to be abolished.

Oxford Street Seasonal Promotion And Website

In order to restore Oxford Street between College Street, Darlinghurst and Queen Street, Woollahra to a full, vibrant shopping destination that people from across Sydney comes to, a seasonal promotion of Oxford Street be introduced and an Oxford street website be established.

Seasonal promotion of Oxford Street includes:

- **Autumn**-Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade and Festival
- **Spring**-Spring Racing at Randwick-Fashion Stores
- **Summer**-Sydney Festival
- **Winter**-Football Season- Clubs, Hotels, Pubs, SCG

The success of Oxford Street Shopping relies in having a diversity of outlets. The website would tie in with seasonal promotions of businesses along Oxford Street. Over time as Oxford Street is restored as a full, vibrant shopping destination this will have flow on effects to other streets and areas nearby.

There are people who like to shop in shopping centres such as Westfield and there are people who prefer the speciality retailing experience that Oxford Street offers. Cross promotion between the two caters for all and recognises people's different shopping needs.

Kings Cross Safety

Currently Kings Cross Railway Station closes at 1.30a.m. at the same time as Early Lock Out Laws commence. Victor supports the restoration of the Taxi Rank on Darlinghurst Road opposite Kings Cross Railway Station and a Friday/Saturday Night ban for through traffic on Darlinghurst Road between Greenknowe Avenue and Bayswater Road except for taxis and emergency vehicles.

Safe Arrival Strategy

24 Hour Train Operation should be returned throughout New South Wales as part of a 'safe arrival' strategy. Existing Night Rider Bus services should be either abolished or re-routed as Olympic Park cross-country style services. Taxi services would also improve as a result of more rail and bus services being available for people to use. Late night workers and party goers can get to their destination safely with the re-introduction of 24 hour train services.

As part of a Safe Arrival Strategy is the introduction of Restaurant/Lounge Carriages on all trains. These provide a safe environment where people can have a quick snack or non-alcoholic beverage on the way to or from work or home after a night out.

Early Lock Out Laws and Liquor Trading Zones Review

The New South Wales Government will be reviewing the Early Lock Out Laws. Victor will be lodging a submission to oppose their continuation and recommend the introduction of Zero Tolerance Policing throughout New South Wales.

To join the campaign call Victor on 0416 134 650

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