

## Chief of Staff/Journalists

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In October 2009, The Queensland Police Union called upon The Queensland State Government to look at imposing a curfew of a 12midnight lockout and 2am/3am shutdown, particularly focusing on “drinking hotspots” on the Gold Coast, Brisbane CBD and the Sunshine Coast in a bid to “restore order” and combat alcohol-fuelled violence.

On Friday March 19, The Queensland’s State Government will finalise their enquiry into alcohol-fuelled violence in Queensland’s entertainment precincts, with the proposed solution of venues implementing a curfew after 2am or 3am.

Queensland Locked Out (QLO) came together as a citizen’s lobby group to protest against this scheme. With a lack of clear data and scientific evidence available on the growth of alcohol-fuelled crime, the proposed lockout/ curfew is seen as a temporary political fix. With the curfew, the State Government will be intruding upon voting individuals’ civil liberties, punishing the whole population based upon the actions of a few offenders. QLO has placed the call for investigation and scrutiny into viable long-term solutions.

The loss of jobs, impact upon our state economy and the cultural reputation of our entertainment precincts, the increase in pressure upon our transport infrastructure from public transport to taxi companies and escalation in street traffic and violence have been cited as immediate outcomes from the proposed curfew. Harsher penalties against anti-social and aggressive behaviour, an increase in police presence and security, an introduction of ID scanners to venues and the introduction of chill out areas in entertainment districts have been offered as suggestions. Many of these propositions have been successfully implemented over the last three months.



THURSDAY 11TH MARCH  
4PM – 6:30PM

PARLIAMENT HOUSE,  
GEORGE STREET, CITY

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QLO appeals to the community to come together and apply pressure to the State Government against legislating the proposed lockout/ curfew.

QLO has formed a petition, persuading the community to note our vote against the Labor Party in the next election if the lockdown occurs:

[http://queenslandlockedout.com/?page\\_id=17](http://queenslandlockedout.com/?page_id=17)

**On Thursday March 11, Queensland Locked Out asks the community to stand alongside fellow colleagues and friends and exercise our freedom of speech, freedom of movement and freedom of thought and SAY NO TO THE SHUTDOWN. This protest is to protect jobs, to protect our venues and to protect the culture and nightlife of Queensland.**

*This is a drug-, alcohol- and profanity free event.*

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