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RACP supports successful and effective lockout laws in Sydney

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) has welcomed the latest Kings Cross and Sydney CBD assault statistics, which show a decrease in violence, suggesting it is further evidence that alcohol lockout laws are successfully working.

The statistics released by the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research show a 45.1 per cent decrease in non-domestic assaults in Kings Cross since January 2014, and a 20.3 per cent decrease in the Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct.

RACP President Laureate Professor Nick Talley said these statistics are overwhelmingly positive and further highlight why it would be irresponsible to wind back the Liquor Amendment Act 2014.

“These statistics prove that current lockout laws do significantly reduce alcohol-related harm and injuries in Australia,” explained Professor Talley.

“Sadly, RACP physicians have seen first-hand the impact of alcohol fuelled violence and drink driving.

“These laws are saving lives and their positive health benefits, particularly for young people, are significant.

“The RACP applauds NSW Government for taking a leading role in reducing alcohol-related harm in the Sydney CBD and across NSW.”

Professor Talley added that the RACP also supported:

- The state-wide 10pm restriction on take-away alcohol sales
- Reduced liquor trading hours introduced in Sydney.

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