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LOCKOUT LAWS REPEALED - GROWING SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Early this morning, Sydney's "lockout laws" were repealed in the Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct bringing in extended trading hours for venues and bottle shops and a relaxation of after-midnight drink rules, with existing arrangements maintained in the Kings Cross precinct.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said while the extended trading hours will provide a boost for the night time economy, community safety will always be a focus.

"There's been a cultural shift in the city's night life since 2014, and it's time to look towards a bright, safe, diverse Sydney after dark, by improving liquor laws and enhancing access to arts, entertainment, shopping and sporting activities that are inclusive and family friendly," Mr Ayres said.

"Sydney is Australia's only truly global city and can evolve to embrace an economy which is cranking around the clock, particularly now that light rail services have been running for a month.

"Stimulating the 24 hour economy is a joint effort and we're working with the City of Sydney Council and the Committee for Sydney, as well as NSW Government agencies, council, businesses and the community to get this right."

Existing arrangements are being maintained in the Kings Cross precinct and will be reviewed next year along with the following changes which came into effect overnight:

- Remove 1.30am last entry for all venues in the Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct, including those on Oxford Street (see map).
- Remove restrictions on serving cocktails, shots and drinks in glass after midnight in this precinct.
- Extend 'last drinks' at venues with good records in this precinct by 30 minutes.
- Extend bottle shop opening hours across NSW until midnight from Monday to Saturday, with 11pm closing on Sunday.
- Increase small bar patron capacity from 100 to 120 across NSW.

To view the Government's full response to the Committee's recommendations, visit this [link](#).

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