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MORE VENUES APPROVED TO OPEN LONGER

Oxford Art Factory and Mr B's Hotel are the latest licensed venues to receive approval to open longer, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

"These approvals mean seven live entertainment venues in the CBD and Kings Cross precincts are now able to admit patrons until 2am and serve drinks until 3.30am," Mr Toole said.

"Oxford Art Factory on Oxford St is a well-known and long established live music venue featuring national and international acts.

"The later trading times will be welcome news to people who enjoy going out and seeing live music.

"Mr B's, on Pitt St in the Thai Town district, is a venue providing Thai cultural events including musicians, DJs and festivals.

"We expect to announce more extensions soon with Liquor & Gaming NSW currently considering applications from a further 19 venues."

Mr Toole said five venues have previously gained lockout law extensions:

- The Palace Hotel (CBD)
- ArtHouse Hotel (CBD)
- The Observer Hotel (The Rocks)
- Stonewall Hotel (Oxford St)
- World Bar (Kings Cross)

"I'm very pleased there has been such a strong response from industry to our Government's relaxation of lockout laws for live entertainment venues," Mr Toole said.

"The changes are part of the Government's commitment to create a more vibrant nightlife for Sydney while balancing the need for community safety."

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