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LOCKOUT AND LAST DRINKS LAWS TO REMAIN IN SYDNEY

The NSW Government will maintain Sydney's lockout laws and implement the key recommendations of the statutory review by Hon Ian Callinan AC QC, creating a safer and more vibrant Sydney, Premier Mike Baird and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant announced today.

In line with the review, lockout laws will be relaxed for live entertainment venues in Sydney's CBD and Kings Cross and takeaway and home delivery alcohol sales will be extended from 10:00pm to 11:00pm across the State.

As recommended by Mr Callinan, a two-year trial of a later 2:00am lockout and 3:30am last drinks will be allowed via exemption for venues that offer genuine live entertainment, live performances or art and cultural events.

"Mr Callinan found that the lockout laws introduced in February 2014 have resulted in 'much safer, quieter and cleaner areas'," Mr Baird said.

"He made some common sense suggestions for changes that we are confident will further enhance night-life in the precincts without undermining the essential purpose of the laws – which is to make the CBD and the Cross places where people can enjoy a safe night out."

Mr Grant said the changes will keep the focus on community safety while creating more diverse and vibrant night-time entertainment options.

"We've found a balance that will contribute to lessening alcohol-fuelled violence whilst still allowing our global city to thrive and be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike," Mr Grant said.

"The extension of takeaway and home delivery alcohol sales and the later lockout times will be in place by January to allow the community and businesses to capitalise over the busy summer period.

"Government needs to provide a safe and vibrant night-time environment for the public and otherwise get out of the way to let people live their lives," Mr Grant said.

Cabinet has also endorsed changes to other areas of the State's liquor laws. These changes are detailed in the attached fact sheets and on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website.

Changes to lockouts, take away sales, and small bars can be made by regulation and will commence in January. Changes to three strikes and the liquor license freeze will require the passage of legislation to be presented to Parliament early next year.

For more information

- [Fact sheet 1: Overview of NSW Government reforms to liquor laws](#) (PDF 171KB)
- [Fact sheet 2: Lockout laws in Sydney CBD and Kings Cross](#) (PDF 152KB)
- [Fact sheet 3: Extension of takeaway alcohol sales](#) (PDF 195KB)
- [Fact sheet 4: Small bar liquor licence changes](#) (PDF 171KB)
- [Fact sheet 5: Further changes to liquor legislation](#) (PDF 174KB)