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MEDIA ALERT

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SAFE AND VIBRANT SYDNEY NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY ROUNDTABLES

Community and industry groups and government agencies have been invited to attend a series of roundtable discussions within the next three months to develop plans for a safe and vibrant night-time Sydney.

The intention to hold these roundtables was announced in February, when former High Court Justice Ian Callinan was appointed to chair the statutory review into the state's liquor laws, including 1.30am lockouts and 3am last drinks in Kings Cross and the CBD. The outcomes of the roundtables will be considered as part of the Callinan Review.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant said the roundtables will bring key stakeholders together to discuss constructively how Sydney can further its status as the nation's global city with a nightlife that is safe and vibrant.

They include hospitality, live music, youth, liquor industry, health, police, transport, council, small business, planning and residents representatives.

"Everyone wants a safe and vibrant night-time Sydney economy," Mr Grant said.

"This is an exciting chance for roundtable participants to work together to identify the issues and develop solutions that recognise the opportunities for our great city into the future."

Invited participants have been drawn from a wide range of interested stakeholders who can provide specialist input into fostering of a safe and vibrant night-time economy.

The timeframe for the roundtables are:

- First roundtable to be held on 31 March. This will focus on clearly identifying the factors impacting on the night-time economy and agreement on the scope of the 'problem' to be solved
- Second roundtable to be held on 28 April. Participants will be asked to develop workable solutions
- Final roundtable to be held on 19 May. Participants will be asked to agree on outcomes of the process and actions to be taken.

Outcomes from the roundtables will be provided to the Callinan Review which is expected to be complete in August. Roundtable outcomes will also be published on the Liquor & Gaming NSW website.

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