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VENUES OPEN LATER FOR NRL GRAND FINAL

Hotels and clubs across NSW can remain open until midnight for the NRL Grand Final next Sunday, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

The NSW Government will allow venues to open later on October 1 so rugby league fans can continue to relax and socialise after the match.

“The NRL Grand Final is one of the biggest events on the state’s sporting calendar. Thousands of fans flock to licensed venues to watch the game on big screens with friends and family,” Mr Toole said.

Being the Sunday night of a long weekend, there is also increased patronage due to the public holiday the next day.

The extension means most of the state’s hotels and clubs, which have licences restricting Sunday trading to 10pm, can open an extra two hours until midnight.

The later trading also helps prevent a mass exodus of patrons, which can put extra pressure on public and other transport options.

Mr Toole said the extension does not apply to takeaway alcohol sales.

Hotels and clubs must still comply with any individual trading restrictions or other special conditions that apply to their licences under the Liquor Act or imposed by local councils under planning laws.

Venues already approved to trade beyond extended hours are not affected by these special arrangements.

Mr Toole reminded venues and patrons to adhere to responsible service and consumption of alcohol so everyone can enjoy a safe night out.

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