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30 SYDNEY LIVE VENUES TRADING LATER

Three more live entertainment venues in inner Sydney have been granted later trading under the NSW Government's relaxation of liquor laws.

Minister for Racing Paul Toole said the latest extensions mean 30 CBD and Kings Cross venues can now admit patrons until 2am and serve drinks until 3.30am.

The three new venues are the Civic Hotel and Cargo Bar in the CBD, and the Flinders Hotel in Darlinghurst.

"These venues are providing great live entertainment such as bands, acoustic performers and DJs," Mr Toole said.

"There are now 30 venues taking advantage of later trading, providing diverse night-time entertainment options."

Mr Toole said take-up from industry for the extensions shows there is demand for vibrant live entertainment in Sydney late at night.

When applying for extensions, venues must demonstrate a market orientation towards live entertainment.

Liquor & Gaming NSW will undertake a review of the extensions that will consider factors including impacts on public safety and vibrancy of night-time entertainment.

Mr Toole said the growth of small bars in the CBD is another sign of Sydney's evolving nightlife.

"The NSW Government has raised the patron limit from 60 to 100 and extended automatic trading times for small bars in the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross from midnight to 2am," Mr Toole said.

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