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### **MORE LIVE MUSIC VENUES OPEN LONGER**

Sydney's iconic live music venue The Basement is among three new licensed premises to gain approval for later trading, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

"We now have 10 live entertainment venues in the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross that can admit patrons until 2am and serve drinks until 3.30am," Mr Toole said.

"The Basement at Circular Quay is a Sydney institution well known to generations of music lovers.

"Since 1972, it has hosted thousands of acclaimed national and international acts across rock, pop, jazz, country and blues."

Mr Toole said O'Malley's Hotel in Kings Cross and The Republic Hotel in Pitt St have also been approved to open later.

"With another popular live music venue, Oxford Art Factory, gaining extended trading times last month, music fans now have more entertainment options later at night."

Mr Toole said the strong industry response to the Government's relaxation of lockout laws for live entertainment venues is helping make Sydney's nightlife more diverse and vibrant.

"More approvals are expected to be announced soon with Liquor & Gaming NSW currently considering applications from a further 16 venues," Mr Toole said.

Other venues already granted later trading are the Palace Hotel, ArtHouse Hotel and Mr B's Hotel in the CBD, Stonewall Hotel in Oxford St, World Bar in Kings Cross and the Observer Hotel at The Rocks.

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

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