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STONEWALL AND WORLD BAR TO OPEN LONGER

Oxford Street's Stonewall Hotel and World Bar in Kings Cross will be open longer after successfully applying for extensions, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

"This means five venues in the CBD and Kings Cross that are providing live entertainment are now able to serve drinks until 3.30am," Mr Toole said.

The Palace Hotel and ArtHouse Hotel, both in the CBD, and the Observer Hotel at The Rocks, have already had extensions approved.

"The later closing time for Stonewall has been approved in time for the 2017 Mardi Gras. World Bar is the first venue in Kings Cross to get an extension," Mr Toole said.

"Stonewall and World Bar demonstrated a genuine orientation towards live entertainment. Live entertainment helps provide more diverse nightlife options."

Applications from a further 15 venues are currently being assessed by Liquor & Gaming NSW.

"I'm pleased there has been such a strong response from the industry to our Government's relaxation of lockout laws."

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

In response to the independent statutory review of liquor laws by the Hon Ian Callinan AC QC, the Government announced new measures including:

- A two-year trial of later 2am lockouts and 3.30am last drinks for CBD and Kings Cross venues that offer live entertainment;
- An extension of takeaway and home delivery alcohol sales across NSW from 10pm to 11pm, and;
- Raising the patron limit for small bars from 60 to 100, and extending automatic 2am trading for eligible small bars in the CBD and Kings Cross.

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