

Summary Report – Meeting No. 1

Roundtable Meetings – Developing a safe, strong and vibrant night-time economy for Sydney

Roundtable Meeting No. 1 – Key issues and challenges for the night-time economy

Date	Thursday 31 March 2016
Time	10.00am – 1.00pm
Attendees	Department of Premier and Cabinet, Treasury, City of Sydney, Committee for Sydney, NSW Police, Ministry for Health, St Vincent’s Hospital Emergency, Australasian College of Surgeons, 2011 Residents’ Association, Police Association of NSW, Destination NSW, Australian Hotels Association, Liquor Stores Association, ClubsNSW, The Star Entertainment Group, Music NSW, Live Music Office, Keep Sydney Open, Transport NSW, NSW Taxi Council, Office of the Small Business Commissioner, Planning and Design NSW, Department of Justice, Liquor & Gaming NSW
Apologies	Greater Sydney Commission, City Resident Action Groups (CityRAGs), Restaurant and Catering Association, Crown Resorts

Introduction

The NSW Government is holding a series of roundtable meetings to examine the challenges and opportunities for growing a safe and vibrant night-time economy in Sydney.

The outcomes from the roundtable meetings will be presented to Government, and will also be considered as part of the independent Liquor Law Review being undertaken by the Hon. Ian Callinan AC QC.

A key outcome for the roundtables is to identify strategies and actions that are new and innovative. It is therefore important that the roundtable discussions are wide ranging and do not have too narrow a focus. Discussion of successful strategies adopted by night-time economies in other cities is encouraged.

The Deputy Premier opened the first roundtable on 31 March 2016 by thanking those in attendance for participating and encouraging open and honest discussion on ways to improve the vibrancy and safety of Sydney’s night-time economy.

The roundtable held on 31 March 2016 focused on identifying the factors impacting on Sydney’s night-time economy and establishing the scope of the challenges to be resolved.

Key themes – Summary of participant perspectives

Issues and challenges for the NTE

a) What is the NTE?

The roundtable considered the definition of night-time economy contained on page 2 of the Background Paper.

It was agreed that a fuller definition should be developed that considers:

- » A wide range of sectors and stakeholders (not limited to 'services', and encompassing people such as knowledge workers, students and residents)
- » A wide / flexible timeframe (also considering implications for the day-time economy, where relevant)
- » The relationship between the night-time economy and Sydney as a place.

b) What does a successful night-time economy in a global city look like?

c) What is Sydney doing well as a night-time economy?

d) Where is there room to improve Sydney's night-time economy?

e) What does a safe and vibrant night-time economy look like?

f) Why are vibrant cities safer?

g) What are the key issues and challenges for the night-time economy in the Sydney CBD/Kings Cross precincts (public safety, economic, social, cultural)?

A summary of the key issues and challenges identified in Roundtable no.1 one is outlined below, with further discussion scheduled for Roundtable no.2 (to inform workable solutions for Sydney's night-time economy):

1. **Place making** – focusing on the places we want, not just the 'economy' we want in the city
2. **Looking ahead** – considering demographic data and projections for the city (including planned population growth and cultural diversity)
3. **Cultural and behavioural change** – education and change strategies to support responsible alcohol consumption in the city (including making best use of technology)
4. **Diversifying the night-time economy** – to incorporate a wide range of activities in the city including: art and culture, retail, entertainment etc
5. **Governance and collaboration** – achieving positive outcomes for the city through a coordinated and responsive approach, informed by a robust evidence base (including review of available data and gap analysis)
6. **Planning and design** – planning for the places we want in the city (including use of CPTED principles in new development, quality public domain, density of licensed premises, restaurants etc)
7. **Transport and accessibility** – transport for the places we want in the city (including public transport, taxis, Uber, walking/cycling etc)
8. **Policing and enforcement** – focusing on what works in the city
9. **Communicating about the city** – refocusing the conversation with key stakeholders including the media and community

Next steps and actions for Roundtable No. 2

Action: Ahead of Roundtable No. 2 – all participants have been invited to provide relevant datasets and accompanying details of methodology / or data collection period.

Action: Ahead of Roundtable No. 2 – L&GNSW will circulate the boundary map applying to the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross precincts (where the 1.30am lock out and 3am last drinks measures apply).

- » In preparation for Roundtable No. 2, participants are invited to consider:
 - > Seeing both safety and vibrancy as achievable, and not mutually exclusive, aspects of a strong night-time economy; rather than *balancing* safety with vibrancy.
 - > Innovative ideas for Sydney's night-time economy; with Roundtable participants identifying develop innovative solutions.
 - > How to achieve solutions from a perspective *other than their own*; participants are encouraged to review the data to be circulated by L&GNSW and consider it from an alternative perspective – ahead of further discussion in roundtable No.2.

Next Roundtable: Thursday 28 April 2016 –
Developing workable solutions for Sydney's
night-time economy