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- A 12-month trial exemption from the 1.30am lockout for well-managed premises and live music and performance venues;
- Reconsideration of the blanket 3am ‘last drinks’ rule, taking into account a venue’s compliance history, planning controls, and local factors;
- Continuation of the 10pm take-away liquor sales restriction as a measure to address pre-fuelling;
- Replacing the existing liquor license freeze with new ‘saturation zone’ rules that consider the number and

type of licensed premises in a given area, along with relevant crime data and transport options;

– Making base trading hours until 2am consistent for all small bars across NSW, along with an increase in their capacity limit from 60 to 120 patrons;

– Reduction or removal of the ‘trading hours loading fee’ (paid by venues considered ‘high-risk’ because they trade after midnight, are located in the CBD or Kings Cross entertainment precincts, or have a high patron capacity) for small bars and live music and performance venues;

– Non-renewal of a venue’s liquor license for ongoing non-compliance or representation on the ‘violent venues’ list;

– The extension of train services on Friday and Saturday nights until after venue closing times, to ensure people can get home quickly and safely;

– Establishment of a licensing panel, with

representation from Liquor and Gaming NSW, NSW Police and the relevant local council to review and determine liquor license applications and revisions; and

– Establishment of NSW Government-led working groups focusing on the development of a sustainable night-time economy, including support for the live music sector, and late-night transport improvements.

– If all recommendations were to be implemented, the City would also recommend the NSW Government consider removing the 1.30am lockout for all venues.