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PLANNED LUXURY HOTEL FOR BLIGH STREET, SYDNEY A STEP FORWARD

Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW has welcomed news developers of a \$750m luxury hotel in the heart of Sydney's CBD can now submit a State Significant Development application for the project.

TAA NSW CEO Michael Johnson said NSW Planning Minister Rob Stokes should be praised for allowing the 55-storey Bligh Street hotel to finally enter the detailed planning phase after months of delay.

“As Australia’s only truly global city we are judged on our levels of accommodation – luxury hotels like this one planned by SC Capital are needed if Sydney is to retain its crown as the nation’s only gateway city,” Mr Johnson said.

“For the first time in four years Sydney is seeing substantial new hotel supply coming online with about 10,000 rooms in the pipeline.

“Developments like this proposed 440-room luxury hotel for Bligh Street help cement our status amongst high end travellers in particular – a vital part of the market.”

Mr Johnson also welcomed today’s start of public hearings into The Star Entertainment Group’s six-star Ritz-Carlton hotel project.

“TAA NSW has always said this is a project that needs to get the go-ahead,” he said.

“It adds an iconic, internationally-recognised hotel brand name to Sydney and is a great opportunity for jobs, growth and the entire tourism sector.”

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