

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**BUMPER WEEKEND AHEAD FOR SYDNEY ACCOMMODATION HOTELS**

Sydney could almost be about to hang out the no vacancy sign this weekend with accommodation hotels at almost full occupancy in the CBD and Parramatta areas thanks to a super weekend of premium events.

Michael Johnson, CEO of the state's peak accommodation body Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW, said many hotels only have a handful of rooms left as the city prepares for two days of top sporting and cultural events.

"From The Everest race to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Constellation Cup netball to the Rugby League World Cup 9s this certainly is one of the busiest weekends of the year for the tourism accommodation sector," Mr Johnson said.

"There are so many premium events on attracting thousands of visitors to the city.

"Many member hotels are almost booked out on Friday and Saturday evenings – this is particularly welcome after the sector has suffered through its lowest spring room occupancy rates since 2009.

"This is due largely to more new hotels coming on line and competition from the unregulated short-term accommodation sector."

However, Mr Johnson said that was about to change this weekend.

"With a clear weather forecast, and a massive range of events showcasing the best Sydney and NSW have to offer, we should ensure everyone "makes hay while the sun shines!" he said.

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