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## **REMOVAL OF LOCKOUT LAWS TO BENEFIT HOTELS & BOOST TOURISM**

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Tourism and Accommodation Australia (TAA) National CEO Michael Johnson has welcomed the removal of the lockout laws across Sydney's CBD, saying it will help to re-invigorate Sydney's night-life and boost the city's tourism economy.

The 1.30am lockout laws will be removed from venues across the Sydney CBD and Oxford Street from Tuesday, 14 January 2020.

"From a tourism perspective we are thrilled with the NSW Government's response to the recommendations put forward by the Joint Select Committee," Mr Johnson said.

"Re-opening Sydney for business after dark will certainly support the city's Business Events Strategy and bolster the night-time economy."

Mr Johnson said the move also represented a step forward for the perception of Sydney as a global city and would drive tourism from all areas including locally, interstate, and overseas.

"Once people realise Sydney can once again offer a vibrant, diverse and thriving night-time economy, I expect tourism spend to increase exponentially," he said.

"This also will go a long way in supporting our conference and business tourism market which is crucial to the economy of the city.

"Overall it is certainly a positive move for tourism and the city of Sydney. We look forward to the review in 12 months and remain committed to working with Government and all stakeholders to help create a safe and vibrant Sydney and King's Cross."

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