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SYDNEY UNLOCKED: CHANGE TO RE-INVIGORATE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY

TAA NSW has welcomed the removal of the lockout laws across Sydney's CBD, with TAA NSW and National CEO Michael Johnson saying it is a real chance to revitalise the city's night-life and enhance its global reputation.

The 1.30am lockout across venues in the Sydney CBD and Oxford Street finally ended in the early hours of this morning - more than five years after they were first introduced.

Mr Johnson said the most important thing now is for everyone to work together to re-invigorate Sydney.

"We'll be working hard to re-build Sydney's night-time reputation," he said.

"This is an exciting time for Sydney and its tourism accommodation providers.

"Re-opening Sydney for business after dark will certainly bolster the night-time economy.

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

Mr Johnson also welcomed the removal of other measures in the CBD including the ban on cocktails after midnight.

The TAA CEO made a submission to the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Night-Time Economy on 10 August 2019 where he warned action needed to be taken to restore Sydney's reputation as a global city.

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