

REVITALISING OUR NIGHT-LIFE

TIME TO LOVE OUR NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY AGAIN

The night-time economy in New South Wales includes more than 36,000 businesses employing around 330,000 people. They include cafes, hotels, bars, live music, concerts, festivals, film, theatre and more. NSW is the largest contributor to the live music industry in Australia, generating approximately \$3,623 million and 23,207 jobs.

Since the government introduced its lockout laws 2014, Sydney's reputation as a world-class destination has suffered a devastating blow. Some of our best musicians, DJs, promoters and other talent are leaving for opportunities in other states or overseas. This is unacceptable.

Our night-time economy needs government support if it is to thrive and provide the type of economic, cultural and tourism opportunities that will put our beautiful city back on the map as a desirable international destination.

THE GREENS PLAN:

The Greens support all 60 recommendations stemming from the Parliamentary Inquiry into 'The music and arts economy in New South Wales'. The Greens will:

ESTABLISH A MINISTER FOR CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND THE NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY

which will have carriage of arts, music, and other creative industries and the night-time economy. Our night-time economy needs a champion within government. By creating a stand-alone ministry greater priority and funding will be given to arts, culture and music as well as all of the businesses that operate between 6PM and 6AM across the state.

PROVIDE \$200 MILLION TO CREATE NSW

to ensure our state is an attractive destination for all those passionate about arts, culture and music, with a world-class city and vibrant nightlife. We need significant government investment to drive our creative economy and get the music and entertainment industry back on track.

ENSURE MUSIC NSW IS ADEQUATELY FUNDED TO SUPPORT CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

and is supported to complete and release its strategic plan for contemporary music in consultation with industry.

REMOVE THE LIQUOR LICENCE FREEZE

which is preventing new clubs from opening.

ESTABLISH A LIVE MUSIC ROUNDTABLE

convened by Create NSW that includes key government agencies and music industry stakeholders.

DEVELOP A SPECIFIC FUNDING PROGRAM FOR FIRST NATIONS MUSICIANS

and support a mentorship program delivered by Create NSW to increase their profile and build their audiences.

PROVIDE FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR MORE ALL-AGES GIGS

to increase the events at which musicians and bands can play and to allow them to diversify their audience base. We believe that young people should be provided with more opportunities to see their favourite artists and bands perform live.

ESTABLISH A MUSIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

to support emerging, small and medium arts and organisations to reinvigorate contemporary music in NSW.

CREATE A NIGHT-TIME ECONOMY PLANNING TASKFORCE

to review and amend our planning laws in consultation with the Live Music Office, the entertainment industry and creative sector to provide greater flexibility for music and other cultural venues to operate. The Greens will push for the following changes:

- simplify and streamline the application process
- create a new class of liquor licence for live music venues that combines the council consent and liquor licence consent processes
- amend the liquor act and relevant regulations to remove unnecessary and outdated restrictions on live music venues including noise regulations
- create a one-stop shop for music complaints and other regulatory and compliance responsibilities protect our cultural institutions

PROVIDE \$5 MILLION TO ASSIST VENUES WITH SOUND PROOFING

including retrofitting existing venues to protect them from noise complaints.

REMOVE THE 1.30AM LOCKOUT LAWS

We will abolish the lockout laws and work with residents and experts to find alternatives that keep people safe, while restoring Sydney's vibrancy and nightlife. The Greens were the only party that voted against the damaging lockout laws and remain committed to finding a solution that supports our entertainment industry and the thousands of workers who have been affected while keeping people safe from violence.

INVEST IN 24-HOUR FREQUENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT

from entertainment precincts such as the Sydney CBD, Kings Cross, Darlinghurst, Surry Hills, Potts Point, Newtown and others to ensure patrons are able to get home safely when they leave venues or events.

PHASE OUT POKER MACHINES

The Greens believe that the current war on drugs and live music is a war on young people. We support people's right to go out late at night and to be able to access diverse clubs, pubs, music, theatre, dance and other cultural activities.

Going out and dancing to music with friends is not a crime. Yet the NSW Government is treating young people like criminals for wanting to do just that. Strip searches, sniffer dogs and other zero-tolerance policing activities are not making people safer. They are persecuting and criminalising young people and making them engage in riskier behaviour.

The Greens support people's right to have a good time with friends in a way that is safe for themselves and those around them.