

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

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SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 12.3 – Public Exhibition - Planning Proposal – King Street Special Entertainment Precinct - Sydney Local Environment Plan 2012, Sydney Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment and Precinct Management Plan

For Noting

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Purpose

To provide Council with additional information regarding matters raised at the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 22 June 2026.

Background

At the meeting of the Transport, Heritage and Planning Committee on 22 June 2026, further information was sought on the following:

- Consideration of including the Newtown Enmore Business Community during the exhibition process to ensure the King Street business community understands the process/planning proposal.
- List of King Street venues that already have later trading hours than what is proposed.

Newtown Enmore Business Community

The Newtown Enmore Business Community (NEBC) has played a valuable role in connecting City and Inner West Council teams with local business representatives. Their feedback, on the operation of the Enmore Road Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP), their perspective on King Street's strengths and weaknesses, and their vision for the precinct, has informed key elements of the proposed King Street SEP plan.

The City will continue working closely with the NEBC through public exhibition, particularly to share information with, and gather feedback from, small businesses, who can otherwise be difficult to reach on planning and policy matters. The NEBC also reaches local residents and visitors through its own information channels.

The NEBC represents one stakeholder group. While its input has been balanced and representative of a range of views, the City has a responsibility to reach as many stakeholders and viewpoints as possible, and to engage evenly with all groups and individuals in the Newtown area during consultation. This ensures trust in open and transparent consultation process.

The City will engage with the NEBC to seek their advice on effective ways to engage their members and the business community and to make the information easily understood. However, the preparation of consultation material will be developed by the City and the Inner West Council to ensure it is effective for all stakeholders.

Existing trading hours

SEP precinct management plans set baseline trading hours that businesses can access without a development application (DA). However, businesses may continue trading beyond these hours where they hold development consent - either existing or newly sought.

The City has identified the following King Street venues with existing documented DA approvals to trade at or beyond the proposed SEP hours. In some cases, approvals on this list are on a trial basis requiring DA renewal at competition of the trial, or it applies only on certain days of the week or to certain parts of the premises:

- The Coopers Hotel
- The Bank Hotel
- The Marlborough Hotel
- Town Hall Hotel
- Union Hotel
- The Vanguard
- Pleasure Club
- HUELO
- Guzman Y Gomez
- Europe Grill
- Odd Culture

While these venues will not gain an immediate increase in permissible trading hours, they will benefit from:

- For trading up to the proposed SEP hours: removal of existing conditions on earlier closing times (in certain parts of the premises or on certain days), and no requirement to renew trial trading periods via a DA
- Access to the 80% liquor licence discount for live music and performance venues
- The certainty provided by the SEP sound plan
- Inclusion in the monitoring and evaluation framework and broader SEP promotion activities

Additionally, amendments to the development control plan (DCP) to change the late night trading tier may allow venues to trade later with development consent. For example, the proposed King Street North late night trading area is upgraded from a Local Centre late night trading area which will increase maximum trading hours from midnight or 2am to up to 3am or 24 hours depending on the type of venue.

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