

ITEM-13 LMM 23/07/2019 - NSW PARLIAMENTARY JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

MOTION

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that the NSW Parliament has established a Joint Select Committee on Sydney's night time economy;
2. Notes that the Committee held a roundtable forum with City of Newcastle on 18 July 2019;
3. Makes a late submission to the Committee before its first formal hearing on 5 August 2019 based on:
 - a. Council's unanimous resolution of 23 January 2018 and submission to the NSW Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority's 2017 Review of the Newcastle CBD Liquor Licence Conditions ('Horton Review');
 - b. City of Newcastle's adopted Night-time Economy Strategy: Newcastle After Dark (adopted 27 November 2018);
 - c. City of Newcastle's Live Music Strategy (adopted 16 April 2019).

Background:

- Terms of reference for the NSW Parliament's Joint Select Committee on Sydney's night time economy:
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ladocs/inquiries/2519/Terms%20of%20reference%20-%20Sydney%27s%20night%20time%20economy.pdf>
- CN submission to the Horton Review:
<http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/getattachment/bc3a952c-242c-433a-b455-167a8acda96b/Review-of-Newcastle-CBD-Liquor-Licence-Conditions.aspx>
- Horton's response to CN's submission, noting legislative reform is a matter for Parliament: <https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/documents/ilga/public-consultations/newcastle-licence-review-the-horton-report-2018.pdf>

189. Council's submission contained many interesting ideas about different approaches to liquor licensing and regulation. I think it preferable that I work within the existing structure that Parliament has prescribed and to focus on the 2008 Conditions which exist under that regime. It goes beyond my Terms of Reference to consider widescale reforms to the statutory licensing regime. They are matters for the Executive and for Parliament. I consider the existing statutory regime adequately to provide for the kinds of factors to answer the Terms of Reference.

- CN's Newcastle After Dark Strategy:
<http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/getattachment/Community/Health-Safety/Newcastle-After-Dark/Newcastle-After-Dark-Strategy-November-30-FINAL-WEB.pdf.aspx?lang=en-AU>

- CN's Live Music Strategy:
<https://newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Newcastle/media/DocumentsHYS/Live%20Music%20Strategy/Live-Music-Strategy-draft.pdf>