

**Submission
No 456**

SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Organisation: PJ Ryan's Hotels Pty Ltd

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JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

SUBMISSION BY PETER J RYAN - PJ RYAN'S HOTELS PTY LTD.

Qualifications:

Licensee – Paragon Hotel Circular Quay since 1989.

I have held a License in Sydney for fifty years continuously since January 1969.

We have until recently owned seven hotels within the lockout precinct, sold two, and have five remaining being Paragon, Ship Inn, Orient, Ryan's Bar and the Covent Garden.

Issues:

Safety:

Public Transport. Buses, trains, light rail, ferry services running efficiently and in conjunction to meet client demands particularly later at night. Private transport. Easy city access to taxis and Uber pick-up and drop-off points.

Council:

Council must accept that late trading hotels and bars incorporating a differing array of entertainment including DJ's and bands are part of, and at the heart of, a vibrant city nightlife in Sydney's CBD. Crowds, noise and people on the street is at the core of any successful entertainment precinct world-wide.

Policing:

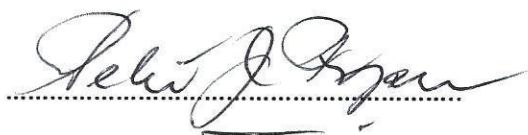
The attitude of police to the public and vice versa must change. The attitude of policing over recent years from goodwill and concern for the public at night to a far more aggressive form of control and regulations, particularly toward licensed venues and more disturbingly to a whole generation of younger people in social situations, has swung too far. There is now an obvious culture of disrespect on both sides that will take years to recover from, even if the inclination is there to do so.

A constant presence of police on the street in a non-threatening capacity, which was until several years ago the case, would be highly beneficial in terms of public safety and goodwill.

Any bad behavior on the street should not automatically be attributed to hotels which are too easy to blame and target collectively.

Penalties towards licensed premises should be selective and not universal. In all instances the size and capacity of the venue as well the degree of severity of the assault/incident should be considered.

I support the submission by the AHA that the current powers of the Liquor Act 2007 are comprehensive enough to regulate non-compliant operators and that the blanket lock-out laws should be abolished.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J Ryan", written over a horizontal dotted line.

PETER J RYAN

MANAGING DIRECTOR