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SYDNEY'S NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

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Sydney Night Time Economy Review

I have been an operator of hospitality businesses in the Sydney CBD for more than 30 years. I have never seen the night time economy or the 'Buzz' of the city so low.

Restaurants and bars have closed and not been replaced. The streets of the City have no life at night.

Employment opportunities are disappearing and until there is reform the future opportunities look bleak.

Current restrictions are an unnecessary handbrake on Sydney's potentially dynamic night time economy. Sydney's standing Internationally and Nationally has been diminished.

<http://resonanceco.com/insights/why-cities-need-to-fight-for-their-nightlife/>

I think it's time to start afresh with our Night Times. Over the past few years I have seen many small but positive changes; Consumers have matured, they are more sophisticated and there has been a shift to personal responsibility.

Transport options have been revolutionised with Uber and other transport Apps. Soon, there will be an opportunity with the Light Rail to put some life back into George Street, the City's spine.

Reform will take Sydney to where it should be; A city which is Fun, Vibrant and Safe. To send the message that Sydney City is "Open for Business"

I see 3 key elements that will be of great help in achieving these aims;

- Running public transport for 24 hours on weekends
- Incentivise well managed liquor venues.
- Give full support to Sydney City Council's late night economy plans.

Revitalising Sydney City's nightlife will go a long way to harvesting the opportunity of a booming Night Time Economy.

Regards

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