Night Time Economy Councils’ Committee NSW
Election Priorities 2019

The NSW Night Time Economy Council’s Committee (NTECC) supports the growth and development of local night time economies (NTEs) across Greater Sydney and regional NSW.

From all parties and candidates contesting the 2019 NSW election, NTECC seeks a commitment to:

Priority 1:

A NSW Night Time Economy Strategy

1. Prioritise the development and delivery of a NSW whole of government NTE Strategy by 2020, in collaboration and consultation with key stakeholders including local government.

   - A NSW NTE Strategy would 1) outline the vision, objectives, roles and responsibilities for state agencies and local government; 2) set priorities for funding and investment; 3) outline key outcomes and measurements; 4) be created in collaboration with local government and the NSW NTECC, and industry.

   - A NSW NTE Strategy, once adopted, would subsume and replace the CBD-centric ‘NSW Government’s response to the Sydney NTE Roundtable action plan’. While the NSW NTE Strategy is being developed, progression of important actions contained in the Roundtable action plan should continue and their implementation should be publicly reported.

   - The Strategy should be driven by a Minister with clear responsibility for the NTE and delivery coordinated by a dedicated NTE office within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Priority 2:

A new NTE Steering Group for the implementation of the strategy, guided by a NTE Advisory Panel

1. Establish an ongoing multi-agency NSW NTE Steering Group responsible for implementation of the NSW NTE Strategy. This would eventually replace the Government’s time-limited NTE Taskforce.

3. Include LGNSW membership on the NTE Steering Group to provide a state-wide voice through consultation with NTECC and all NSW councils.

4. Establish a NTE Industry Advisory Panel comprising key industry stakeholders to inform policy formulation and strategy implementation.

   - This Industry Advisory Panel should be coordinated by a dedicated NTE office within the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
Priority 3:

Financial support for councils to develop local NTEs

1. Establish a NTE grants program to provide a much-needed injection of funding for councils to grow and manage urban areas at night.
   - *This fund will support long-terms solutions to increase diversity of activities at night including music, retail, culture and creative uses. Strategy development and capital works should be eligible.*

2. Commit to funding the NSW Live Music Office to support sector development and delivery of an ongoing live music funding program.

3. Through the Office of the NTE provide resources to support capacity building initiatives for councils including the development of resources, masterclasses and other guidance materials to build the expertise of councils in the management of vibrant, safe and sustainable NTEs.

Priority 4:

Improved late night transport

1. Plan for increased, safe public transport options after dark.

2. Collaborate with councils to trial innovative late-night and 24-hour transport options including new taxi and ride-share zones, on-demand buses and 24-hour public transport services on Friday and Saturday nights.

Priority 5:

Streamlined regulations for activities at night

1. Simplify and reduce unnecessary complexity in regulations affecting the night time economy including planning, liquor licensing, and noise and building regulations, with consideration to supporting businesses and cultural/creative uses at night.
   - *NTECC recognises the work of the Government to-date on this task and urge for it to continue by the elected party.*

2. Provide clarity and guidance to councils on the planning and regulatory framework relating to the NTE.
   - *This should include clarity around the application of land use definitions and building regulations.*

3. Better manage cumulative impacts from the NTE through evidence-based legislation to achieve sustainable NTE growth.