

Hassle Free Nights Precinct Liquor Accords

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What is a Precinct Liquor Accord (PLA)?

A PLA is an approved plan setting out the actions to be undertaken to reduce the risk of alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour, and improve amenity in designated entertainment precincts in Sydney Central (George Street south, Kings Cross, Oxford Street and The Rocks), Manly, Newcastle/Hamilton, Wollongong and Parramatta.

Why have PLAs been created and what outcomes are expected?

PLAs will help create safer and more vibrant late night entertainment precincts for everybody. In particular, PLAs will drive collaborative solutions to reduce alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in that precinct. A fund is available to assist PLAs implement local projects that have the potential to significantly reduce the risk and consequences of alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour.

What does it do that an existing local liquor accord does not do?

Local liquor accords respond to local issues and will continue to operate. The Liquor Accord Delivery Unit in the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing will continue to support the work of local liquor accords.

There must be a close and ongoing relationship between local liquor accords and the members of the PLA. Local accords will influence the development and implementation of the PLA. PLAs will involve a more targeted approach to a limited area, with a focus on the entertainment precinct. There may be some overlap in members and this will facilitate information sharing and learning.

Is membership of a PLA compulsory?

Membership of, and active participation in, the PLA will be conditions of the liquor licence of all late night trading venues operating within the designated precinct. It may also be mandatory for other licensed premises in the precinct.

Aside from licensees, other participants in the development and implementation of PLAs will include other late trading businesses, local Council, police, relevant State Government agencies and community representatives.

What will it cost licensees to be members of a PLA?

There is no fee for membership of a PLA. However, the PLA must set out how initiatives will be funded. Members may be levied by the Director-General, Communities NSW where funding is through the Precinct Liquor Accord Fund. Approved PLA projects will be funded on a 50:50 basis with the Government.

Will licensees decide the PLA actions?

PLAs will be approved by the Director-General, Communities NSW. However, a collaborative approach will be taken to identify local risk factors, appropriate strategies, implementation, evaluation and, where appropriate, implementation costs. It is preferred that decisions on the PLA be made by consensus, however where consensus is not reached, reasons for differing views will be recorded.