

ITEM 12 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR CATH BLAKEY - CBD VENUE CLOSING TIMES

Councillor Cath Blakey has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that a Briefing be provided to Councillors on options to improve consistency of the night time trading opportunities across venues.”

Background provided by Councillor Cath Blakey:

Businesses have raised concerns that there are inconsistencies with liquor licencing across the Wollongong CBD, with smaller venues generally having to shut at midnight and larger “booze barns” being permitted to operate for extended hours.

Council’s role in the liquor licence application process is a referral role –

- (1) During the preparation of a Community Impact Statement, and
- (2) During the assessment of a liquor licence application.

The NSW Department of Liquor and Gaming grants liquor licenses, subject to Council Development consent.