

Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan

2026–2032

The Queensland Government's response to
**Moonside: The Queensland Night-Life Economy
Commissioner's Report 2026**



Winton, Queensland

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Broadbeach, Queensland

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Miami, Queensland

Minister's message

The Crisafulli Government tasked our Night-Life Economy Commissioner with producing this landmark report – Moonside, because the status quo could not continue. After years where every action made things harder, too many food and entertainment venues are struggling to survive instead of being able to thrive as we prepare to welcome the world in 2032.

I would like to thank John “JC” Collins AM for his passion and the work he is doing to drive the change we need to see. Our Government is committed to delivering that change by building a more vibrant, safe and business-friendly nightlife economy across Queensland.

Our state's nightlife economy plays an essential role in supporting local jobs, live music, tourism, hospitality and cultural experiences, while helping create vibrant precincts and communities where people want to live, work and visit. As we look ahead to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, Queensland must strengthen its reputation as a world-class destination for nightlife, entertainment and cultural experiences.

The Night-Life Economy Commissioner listened to industry, councils, artists, venues and communities across Queensland to develop a comprehensive set of recommendations to strengthen and future-proof Queensland's nightlife economy.

The Government has carefully considered all 62 recommendations and is supporting, supporting in-principle, supporting in-part or noting 50 of these recommendations for implementation through the *Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032*.

Our Action Plan sets out practical reforms and initiatives to make it easier for nightlife businesses, back live music, create more Queensland cultural experiences, activate local nightlife precincts, support safer nights out, and strengthen long-term industry collaboration and stewardship.

Our Government is committed to reducing unnecessary red tape, supporting local artists and venues, empowering councils to shape nightlife precincts that reflect local aspirations, and ensuring Queenslanders and visitors can enjoy safe and accessible nightlife experiences.

Through this Action Plan, the Crisafulli Government is delivering a stronger, safer and more vibrant nightlife economy that supports jobs, tourism, live music and local communities across Queensland.

Sam O'Connor MP

Minister for Housing and Public Works
Minister for Youth
(Minister responsible for the Nightlife Economy)

Our vision for Queensland's nightlife economy

Queenslanders and visitors enjoy vibrant, safe and uniquely Queensland nightlife experiences that support thriving communities, local businesses, live music and artists before, during and beyond 2032.

The *Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032* responds to *Moonside: The Queensland Night-Life Economy Commissioner's Report 2026* and outlines the reforms, partnerships and investments the Queensland Government will deliver to strengthen Queensland's nightlife economy.

The Action Plan recognises that a strong nightlife economy supports:

- local artists, jobs and small businesses
- live music, arts and cultural experiences
- tourism and visitor economy growth
- safer and more active public spaces
- vibrant communities and precincts.

The Queensland Government is supporting, supporting in-principle, or supporting in-part 41 of the Commissioner's 62 recommendations. A further nine recommendations are noted, as they fall outside of the State's jurisdiction, indicating the Queensland Government's support for ongoing advocacy and work by the Night-Life Economy Commissioner, and recognition of the important role industry, businesses and councils play in creating a vibrant and safe nightlife sector.

The Action Plan will be delivered collaboratively across government, industry, local councils and the community ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

Five priority themes

1. **Making it easier for nightlife businesses to thrive** – reducing unnecessary red tape and modernising regulation to support business confidence and vibrancy without compromising safety.
2. **Backing live music and cultural experiences** – supporting local artists, live music venues and cultural experiences across Queensland.
3. **Activating local nightlife precincts** – supporting councils and communities to deliver vibrant, safe and distinctive nightlife precincts.
4. **Supporting a safe night for everyone** – retaining the existing Safe Night Precinct framework and promoting safer, inclusive and accessible nightlife experiences for Queenslanders and visitors.
5. **Building a stronger nightlife economy** – strengthening long-term industry collaboration and stewardship.

Key initiatives

- **Entertainment sound reforms** – modernise entertainment sound regulation to provide greater clarity, consistency and certainty for venues and communities while supporting vibrant nightlife precincts and economic growth.
- **'Homegrown' policy** – encourage major touring artists to showcase Queensland talent, giving emerging musicians valuable exposure and showcasing local talent to new audiences.
- **Queensland on Tour** – expand Queensland on Tour to bring vibrant experiences and support regional businesses with more live music coming to more venues and audiences across the state.
- **Nightlife Precinct Activation Program** – support councils to deliver streetscape, placemaking and public realm improvements.
- **Safe speed limits in nightlife zones** – support councils wishing to review and implement speed limit changes.

A vibrant nightlife legacy for 2032 and beyond

The *Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032* will help deliver vibrant, safe and uniquely Queensland nightlife experiences ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and create a lasting legacy for communities across Queensland.

A strong and safe nightlife economy is an important part of thriving communities, successful visitor destinations and Queensland's broader cultural and tourism economy. Vibrant nightlife precincts, live music, cultural experiences, safe and connected public spaces and integrated transport networks contribute to how residents and visitors experience Queensland at night.

The 2032 Games present a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen Queensland's reputation as an exciting, inclusive and culturally vibrant destination while supporting local jobs, artists, venues and small businesses.

Through practical reforms, targeted investments and stronger partnerships with councils and industry the Queensland Government will help deliver nightlife precincts and experiences that are:

- vibrant and culturally rich
- safe and inclusive
- accessible and well-connected
- attractive to residents and visitors
- resilient and sustainable beyond 2032.

The Queensland Government's vision is for Queensland to be recognised not only as a successful Olympic and Paralympic host, but as a state with a thriving nightlife and cultural economy that continues to grow and evolve long after the Games.

The case for change

Queensland's nightlife economy plays an important role in supporting local jobs, live music, tourism, hospitality, arts and cultural experiences across the state. Music venues, festivals, bars, restaurants, entertainment precincts and cultural spaces all contribute to making Queensland vibrant, connected and enjoyable after dark.

In 2023–24, Queensland's nightlife economy generated \$37.6 billion in annual turnover and employed more than 238,000 workers, highlighting the sector's significant contribution to the state's economy and communities.

Queensland's nightlife economy also plays an important social role. Research highlighted in the Commissioner's Report found:

- **51% of Australians** participate in nightlife activities to socialise with friends
- **50% engage in nightlife** to relax and unwind
- **34% of Queenslanders** say nightlife helps them try new experiences
- **younger Queenslanders** increasingly value nightlife as part of their lifestyle and community connection.

However, the sector continues to face significant challenges. Stakeholders consulted by the Commissioner consistently identified:

- rising operating and insurance costs
- complex and compliance-heavy licensing requirements
- restrictive trading and sound regulation settings
- declining participation in grassroots live music
- safety and accessibility concerns
- transport and connectivity limitations in nightlife precincts
- changing consumer behaviours and expectations.

The Commissioner's consultation found these challenges can limit innovation, reduce flexibility for venues and events, and place pressure on the long-term sustainability of nightlife businesses and cultural experiences.

Queensland also faces increasing competition from other Australian jurisdictions that have modernised nightlife regulation, supported live music activation and introduced more flexible licensing settings.

At the same time, Queensland has our biggest ever opportunity ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games to strengthen our nightlife economy and showcase uniquely Queensland experiences to residents and visitors.

The *Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032* responds to these challenges and opportunities through practical reforms, targeted investments and stronger partnerships across government, industry and local councils to deliver the change we need to see.

Roadmap to a uniquely Queensland nightlife economy

The *Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032* outlines a staged roadmap of reforms, partnerships and investments to strengthen Queensland's nightlife economy ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond.

The roadmap highlights the key actions the Queensland Government will deliver to support local artists and businesses, activate nightlife precincts, improve safety and accessibility and create vibrant and uniquely Queensland nightlife experiences for residents and visitors.

These milestones are supported by the detailed actions outlined across the Action Plan's five priority themes.

Priority theme	2026	2027–2028	2029–2030	2031–2032 Outcomes
Making it easier for nightlife businesses to thrive	Begin review of entertainment sound and liquor licensing reforms	Progress entertainment sound reforms and develop a framework for declared special event days with automatic temporary trading arrangements	Deliver supportive and effective licensing and regulatory systems	Nightlife businesses are supported to operate safely with greater flexibility and confidence
Backing live music and cultural experiences	Begin progressing the 'Homegrown' policy	Expand Queensland on Tour	Support grassroots venues, local artists and live music activation across Queensland	Queensland artists, venues and cultural experiences are showcased before, during and beyond the Games
Activating local nightlife precincts	Develop the Nightlife Playbook and establish the Nightlife Precinct Activation Program	Deliver Nightlife Precinct Activation Program projects across Queensland and support councils wishing to undertake speed limit reviews	Continue Nightlife Precinct Activation Program and supporting councils to embed vibrancy and safety principles into long-term precinct planning	Vibrant and connected nightlife precincts attract residents and visitors across Queensland
Supporting a safe night for everyone	Develop awareness campaign to support respectful, inclusive and accessible nightlife experiences and improve awareness of late-night public transport options	Explore initiatives to improve women's safety in nightlife settings	Continue to improve accessibility, safety and safer journeys home across Queensland	Queenslanders and visitors experience safer, more inclusive nightlife environments
Building a stronger nightlife economy	Establish cross-government implementation and industry collaboration arrangements	Continue role of Night-Life Economy Commissioner to provide leadership, coordination and advocacy	Continue long-term, guidance and sector support initiatives	Queensland has a more sustainable and resilient nightlife economy that continues to grow and evolve beyond 2032



Seventeen Seventy, Queensland

PRIORITY ONE

Making it easier for nightlife businesses to thrive

Queensland's regulatory framework will better support nightlife businesses to operate, entertain and grow by reducing unnecessary red tape, modernising licensing settings and providing greater certainty for venues, communities and investors, while balancing vibrancy, community expectations and public safety.



Delivering smarter entertainment sound rules

The Queensland Government will modernise entertainment noise and sound regulation to better support vibrant nightlife precincts while balancing community expectations and public safety.

In doing so, the Government will review entertainment noise complaints processes and sound measurement approaches and investigate opportunities to simplify, modernise and better align existing regulatory requirements.

This work will provide greater clarity, consistency and certainty for venues and residents, helping support a more vibrant and sustainable nightlife economy across Queensland.

Actions include:

1.1 Modernise entertainment sound regulation to better support vibrant nightlife precincts by:

- reviewing and modernising the entertainment noise complaints framework
- reviewing entertainment sound limits and measurement approaches
- working to align and simplify sound requirements under the *Liquor Act 1992* and the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*
- strengthening 'first-in' protections for existing venues when new developments occur nearby.

1.2 Modernise liquor licensing settings to support nightlife businesses to operate and grow by:

- developing a framework for declared special event days with automatic temporary trading arrangements
- modernising the extended trading hours permit process.

1.3 Streamline liquor licensing processes and reduce unnecessary regulatory burden by:

- improving coordination between councils and the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation
- enabling external advertising of on-premises liquor prices and promotions
- streamlining applications for additional premises, short-term licenses (where appropriate), and venue alterations and renovations
- working towards a centralised online liquor licensing application system.

1.4 Improve support and guidance for nightlife businesses navigating regulatory processes by:

- promoting business support services available to nightlife businesses.



Fortitude Valley, Queensland

PRIORITY TWO

Backing live music and cultural experiences

Queensland's live music and cultural sector will be strengthened to support local artists, attract visitors, grow nightlife experiences and enhance Queensland's reputation as a vibrant destination ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Actions include:

2.1 Support local artists and strengthen touring pathways by:

- exploring opportunities to promote Queensland local artists to support major touring acts
- expanding Queensland on Tour to strengthen touring pathways across the state
- partnering with major events to pilot nightlife activation and vibrancy initiatives.

2.2 Support grassroots venues and culturally significant venues by:

- considering a framework for discounted liquor licence fees for grassroots live music venues
- providing recognition for iconic and culturally significant nightlife venues that contribute to local character and community identity.



Supporting Queensland artists through the 'Homegrown' policy

The Queensland Government will develop a new 'Homegrown' policy to help create more opportunities for Queensland artists to perform alongside major touring acts and reach new audiences.

'Homegrown' supports stronger touring pathways for local musicians and helps showcase Queensland talent at major concerts, festivals and live music events across the state.

This reform will support the growth of Queensland's live music industry while strengthening the state's reputation as a vibrant destination for music and cultural experiences.



Expanding Queensland on Tour

Queensland on Tour brings together venues, promoters, agents and industry representatives to showcase Queensland's live music and touring opportunities.

The Queensland Government will expand Queensland on Tour to strengthen touring pathways for artists, support regional live music opportunities and help attract more national and international touring acts across the state.

The initiative will support stronger connections between artists, venues and promoters while showcasing the scale and diversity of Queensland's live music scene and nightlife economy.

Expanding Queensland on Tour will help support local artists, activate nightlife precincts and create more opportunities for Queenslanders and visitors to experience live music and cultural events across the state ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

PRIORITY THREE

Activating local nightlife precincts

Councils and local communities will be better supported to deliver vibrant, distinctive and locally-driven nightlife precincts that reflect local character and community aspirations.

Actions include:

3.1 Support local nightlife precinct planning and activation by:

- encouraging councils to explore opportunities to implement Special Entertainment Precincts
- developing a 'Nightlife Playbook' to support placemaking, activation and local economic development
- encouraging councils to facilitate outdoor dining, parklets, temporary activations and the use of underutilised public assets
- supporting councils to embed vibrancy and safety principles into precinct planning and master planning ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

3.2 Unlock vibrant, safe and connected nightlife precincts by:

- supporting councils to deliver public realm and streetscape improvements that enhance the local nightlife
- supporting councils wishing to undertake speed limit reviews and changes within nightlife precincts to improve connectivity, accessibility and safety.



Nightlife Precinct Activation Program

The Queensland Government will create a new program to support councils to deliver streetscape, public realm and placemaking improvements that strengthen local nightlife precincts.

The Nightlife Precinct Activation Program will support projects that improve vibrancy, accessibility, connectivity and safety, including lighting, wayfinding, street activation, beautification, outdoor dining infrastructure, public amenities and pedestrian-friendly improvements.

The program will help councils deliver locally-driven nightlife precincts that support businesses, attract visitors and create vibrant community spaces ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Nightlife Playbook

The Night-Life Economy Commissioner will create a Nightlife Playbook in consultation with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) to support placemaking, activation and local economic development.

The Playbook will provide practical guidance, case studies and tools to support councils to develop and manage their nightlife economies.

This will help to deliver vibrant and accessible nightlife precincts and support local economies ahead of and beyond the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

PRIORITY FOUR

Supporting a safe night for everyone

Queensland's nightlife economy will be safer, more inclusive and more accessible for all Queenslanders and visitors.

Actions include:

4.1 Promote safer, more inclusive and accessible nightlife environments by:

- developing an awareness campaign and resources to support respectful, inclusive and accessible nightlife experiences
- championing diverse viewpoints and inclusion at government-supported events and festivals
- supporting initiatives to improve women's safety in nightlife settings
- encouraging industry-led harm minimisation initiatives and patron safety measures.

4.2 Support Safe Night Precincts by:

- supporting councils to deliver mobile phone charging stations in Safe Night Precincts under the Nightlife Precinct Activation Program
- supporting flexible parking arrangements for community wellness providers in Safe Night Precincts
- continuing collaboration with local government, police, venue operators and community organisations to support well-managed Safe Night Precincts
- retaining the existing Safe Night Precinct framework, which is appropriate and effective in supporting safer night-time environments.



Jack's Law delivering safer nights out

Named in honour of 17-year-old Gold Coaster Jack Beasley, who was tragically killed in a random knife attack while on a night out with his mates, Jack's Law gives Queensland Police Service officers the power to use handheld metal detection wands to scan for knives and other weapons in public places and entertainment venues.

Originally trialled in Gold Coast Safe Night Precincts, since Jack's Law has been expanded and made permanent over 1,300 weapons have been removed from Queensland's streets in just the first 12 months.

Jack's Law is creating safer and more welcoming nightlife precincts for locals, visitors and workers alike by detecting knives and saving lives.

4.3 Support safer and more accessible nightlife journeys home by:

- considering opportunities to improve rideshare safety, including the potential for designated pick-up zones or alternative safety measures where appropriate
- improving awareness of existing late-night public transport services to support safer, more accessible journeys home
- continuing to engage with taxi and rideshare providers to support safe and fair practices
- supporting wheelchair accessible taxi services and accessible transport options.



Cairns, Queensland

PRIORITY FIVE

Building a stronger nightlife economy

Stronger industry collaboration and long-term sector stewardship will support a more resilient and sustainable nightlife economy that continues to grow and evolve beyond 2032.



Miami, Queensland



Marcoola, Queensland

Actions include:

5.1 Strengthen industry collaboration and long-term sector stewardship by:

- supporting the ongoing role of the Queensland Night-Life Economy Commissioner to provide leadership, coordination and advocacy for the nightlife economy
- continuing the Nightlife Economy Advisory Panel to support industry collaboration and long-term sector stewardship
- establishing a cross-government steering group to drive the implementation of the Queensland Government's Nightlife Economy Action Plan.

5.2 Support a more sustainable and resilient nightlife sector by:

- encouraging an industry-led investigation of insurance challenges impacting nightlife businesses
- encouraging industry and councils to consider late-night dining incentives
- improving access to industry guidance and compliance resources.

Recommendations and relevant actions

The Queensland Government has carefully considered the recommendations of *Moonside: The Queensland Night-Life Economy Commissioner's Report 2026* and developed a coordinated response through the *Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032*.

The following section outlines the Queensland Government's position in response to each recommendation and identifies the sector which will lead delivery and relevant actions that will support implementation across government, industry and local communities.

The Government's response reflects a balanced approach that supports a vibrant and growing nightlife economy while recognising the importance of community safety, accessibility, local character and responsible regulation.

The Action Plan includes a combination of immediate reforms, longer-term initiatives and collaborative actions that will be delivered by or in partnership with industry, local government and other jurisdictions.

Implementation of the Action Plan will be coordinated across government and supported by ongoing engagement with the Night-Life Economy Commissioner and the Nightlife Economy Advisory Panel to ensure the Queensland Government continues to respond to emerging opportunities and challenges across the sector.

The Queensland Government response has used the following terminology for the government positions:

Key

Support	The recommendation is supported in full.
Support in principle	The overarching policy intent of the recommendation is supported, however government may consider different approaches to implementation. Further analysis is required to determine the appropriate scope, implementation approach and funding requirements (if any) which may be subject to future approval processes.
Support in part	Specific components of a multifaceted recommendation are supported.
Note	No action required for the Queensland Government. The recommendation may be more appropriately delivered by industry, businesses, local councils, the Australian Government, or other stakeholders.
No change / do not support	The recommendation has been carefully considered by the Queensland Government and there will be no change to existing policy.

Recommendation <i>Moonside: The Queensland Night-Life Economy Commissioner's Report 2026</i>	Government position	Relevant action <i>Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032</i>	Government response	Timeframe
1 Modernise the entertainment noise complaints framework to foster vibrancy. 1.1 Require 5 separate household complaints before compliance action. 1.2 Require the complainant to initially engage with the venue. 1.3 Provide options for independent mediation when a complaint is made.	Support in part	1.1a Reviewing and modernising the entertainment noise complaints framework	The Queensland Government is reviewing the entertainment noise management framework and will modernise the complaints process, noting that: - Recommendation 1.1 is supported and will leverage the outcomes of the work undertaken in recommendation 2.1 (including any necessary regulatory changes) and compliance with minimum statutory requirements. - Recommendation 1.2 is not supported. - Recommendation 1.3 is supported and will be informed by the Queensland Government's review of the noise complaints management model.	2027-2028
2 Engage acoustic experts to review entertainment sound limits, increasing the 75dB default based on land use zones, and standardise sound measurement for consistency across different precincts and licenses. 2.1 Define the source for sound measurement for compliance purposes. 2.2 Revisit requirements for background sound measurement for acoustic reports (e.g. time of day and day of week). 2.3 Explore entertainment sound limits based on land-use zones.	Support	1.1b Reviewing entertainment sound limits and measurement approaches	The Queensland Government will review entertainment sound limits and sound measurement requirements, including identifying the source for sound measurement. The Queensland Government will consult with local government to explore sound limits based on land use zones.	2027-2028, subject to whether legislative amendments are required
3 Produce a streamlined regulatory framework by consolidating the relevant sound requirements in the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> and <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> .	Support in principle	1.1c Working to align and simplify sound requirements under the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> and the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i>	The Queensland Government will investigate opportunities to align and simplify noise requirements under the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> and the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i> . As the purpose and application of noise standards under these legislative frameworks differ, streamlining may be complex and requires careful consideration and consultation.	2029-2030
4 Strengthen 'first-in' protections for venues within the liquor regulation framework to better support existing licensed venues and improve transparency when new developments occur, or when there is a change in ownership or tenancy.	Support	1.1d Strengthening 'first-in' protections for existing venues when new developments occur nearby	The Queensland Government will explore options to strengthen existing order of occupancy provisions under the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> in accordance with fundamental legislative principles contained in the <i>Legislative Standards Act 1992</i> .	2027-2028
5 Modernise the extended trading hours permit application process, including the number of late-night trading permits, removing 'special occasion' requirements, and enabling extended trading hours on consecutive days.	Support in part	1.2b Modernising the extended trading hours permit process	The Queensland Government will amend the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> to enable extended trading hours permits to be granted on consecutive days and more than once a month, as well as removing the 'special occasion' requirement.	2027-2028
6 Support councils with guidance to explore opportunities to implement Special Entertainment Precincts (SEPs) to boost business confidence and enhance vibrancy.	Support	3.1a Encouraging councils to explore opportunities to implement Special Entertainment Precincts	The Queensland Government notes that councils are best placed to make decisions about establishment of SEPs in their local areas and can establish SEPs through planning scheme amendments and local laws about noise restrictions. The Queensland Government will work with the local government sector, including the Local Government Association of Queensland, to support local decision making in relation to SEPs.	2026
7 Select a pilot project from Tourism Events Queensland (TEQ) major events calendar to test and learn from vibrancy recommendations.	Support in principle	2.1c Partnering with major events to pilot nightlife activation and vibrancy initiatives	The Queensland Government, in agreement with an event organiser, will select an appropriate major event to evaluate and demonstrate the potential impact of relevant vibrancy actions.	2027-2028

Recommendation <i>Moonside: The Queensland Night-Life Economy</i> <i>Commissioner's Report 2026</i>		Government position	Relevant action <i>Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032</i>	Government response	Timeframe
8	Develop a framework for 'declared special event days'. 8.1 Allow local councils to approve additional extended trading hour days for special events (e.g. Mount Isa Rodeo or Beef Week in Rockhampton). 8.2 Introduce a calendar of state and local government declared special events.	Support	1.2a Developing a framework for declared special event days and automatic temporary trading arrangements	The Queensland Government, in consultation with local councils, will develop a framework in relation to licensed venues to provide for special event days to be declared by the Queensland Government, during which automatic temporary liquor extended trading hours will be granted to venues on application within the relevant areas. In line with the recommendation, a flexible calendar of declared statewide and local special events will be introduced in consultation with local councils.	2027-2028
9	Modernise bar liquor licence categories to review capacity requirements.	Do not support	Not applicable	Capacity limits assist in preventing overcrowding in venues, minimising fire safety and sanitation risks, and preventing impacts on surrounding communities. Maintaining the current approach supports regulatory certainty and preserves appropriate safeguards for patrons and the community.	Not applicable
10	Strengthen ID scanning in line with new technological advances and explore a risk-based approach to streamline ID scanning rules for small/low-risk venues.	No change	Not applicable	The Queensland Government supports the current approach to ID scanning laws as Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) does not yet match the integrity and reliability of existing ID scanning systems.	Not applicable
11	Improve coordination between local councils and the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation to enable parallel application approvals.	Support	1.3a Improving coordination between councils and the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation	The Queensland Government notes the level of coordination needed is likely to differ due to differing council processes. A streamlined approach is being trialled with two SEQ councils, and OLGR has started engaging with five SEQ councils to streamline processes and better coordinate decisions and will continue to do so on a case-by-case basis.	2027-2028
12	Review the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> to identify unnecessary instances of over-regulation affecting vibrancy.	Support	1.3c Streamlining applications for additional premises, short-term licences (where appropriate) and venue alterations and renovations	The Queensland Government has received feedback about opportunities to review unnecessary regulations and is progressively considering red tape reduction initiatives. For example, in December 2025, the Queensland Government made it easier for licensees to undertake renovations and alterations, which will help venues expand, improve facilities and enable them to better serve their patrons. The Queensland Government will continue to investigate opportunities to streamline regulatory requirements that impact the vibrancy of liquor licensed venues.	2026-2028
13	Consider extended trade for retail and supermarkets in appropriate 'Nightlife Zones'.	Do not support	Not applicable	The <i>Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990</i> ensures balance between small independent retailers and larger businesses. Under this Act, most retail premises are an 'exempt shop' and can trade without restriction. Local governments can also enable or support extended activity in designated centres or precincts under their local planning schemes; and there are mechanisms for non-exempt retailers to apply to the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission for unrestricted trade. Accordingly, the Queensland Government does not support considering extended trade for retail and supermarkets in nightlife zones.	Not applicable
14	Investigate a risk-based approach for venues in Safe Night Precincts (SNP), enabling staggered patron exits, to enhance safety.	No change	4.2d Retaining the existing Safe Night Precinct framework, which is appropriate and effective in supporting safer night-time environments	Staggered closing times would create inequities between venues within the same precinct while increasing the duration of demand for policing services. Existing closing time requirements and crowd control requirements provide a consistent framework for venue operators while maintaining public safety during patron exit periods.	Not applicable
15	Review application requirements for all-ages events.	No change	Not applicable	Existing requirements provide event organisers with a framework to demonstrate that appropriate measures are in place to protect young people.	Not applicable

Recommendation <i>Moonside: The Queensland Night-Life Economy</i> <i>Commissioner's Report 2026</i>	Government position	Relevant action <i>Queensland Nightlife Economy Action Plan 2026–2032</i>	Government response	Timeframe
16 Expand Queensland on Tour to bring music venues, national tour promoters and agents together to showcase the potential of touring one of Australia's largest and most dynamic states.	Support	2.1b Expanding Queensland on Tour to strengthen touring pathways across the state	The Queensland Government notes the Commissioner delivered Stage 1 of Queensland on Tour in 2025, providing a useful industry handbook highlighting the state's music venues, their capacity and key features to foster new touring pathways. There is much more to do, particularly providing visibility of venues in the north-west of the state and moving this valuable resource online so artists, managers, venues, bookers and agents can get easy access. The Queensland Government is supportive of the Commissioner expanding Queensland on Tour.	2026
17 Create a 'Playbook' to help foster accessible activations and boost their local nightlife economy, supported by shared local and state grants for activation.	Support in part	3.1b Developing a 'Nightlife Playbook' to support placemaking, activation and local economic development	The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner's creation of a Playbook to support councils to plan, activate and strengthen their nightlife economies. This Playbook will be developed in consultation with LGAQ. The Queensland Government notes grants are addressed under recommendation 34.	2027-2028
18 Enhance Brisbane's river city potential by embedding vibrancy, safety and business-friendly principles within river activations.	Support	3.1b Developing a 'Nightlife Playbook' to support placemaking, activation and local economic development	The Queensland Government supports this recommendation, noting that actioning vibrancy, safety and business-friendly recommendations also enhance Brisbane River activations. For example, the Playbook (recommendation 17) will identify vibrancy, safety and business-friendly principles councils can use to plan their nighttime economies and encourage nighttime activations. This can include case study examples of accessible and well-connected river activations. The Commissioner can also advocate for vibrancy, safety and business-friendly principles to be embedded within Brisbane City Council's planning scheme and practices.	2027-2028
19 Consider incentives for late-night dining to stimulate spending at eligible venues by encouraging locals and visitors to dine later than usual.	Note	5.2b Encouraging industry and councils to consider late-night dining incentives	The Queensland Government notes incentives programs are generally for the purpose of supporting economic recovery rather than changing consumer behaviour. They can boost local economies and businesses impacted by events such as a natural disaster, severe weather event or public health emergency. The Queensland Government notes the industry has mechanisms, such as restaurant booking apps, that reward diners with discounts while helping venues during quieter off-peak times. The Queensland Government considers the industry is well placed to test interest and take up of late-night dining. Local governments may also consider incentives programs for late night dining to support a more vibrant nightlife for their community. The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner advocating for industry and local government implementation.	For implementation by industry or councils
20 Investigate opportunities to reduce user-pays policing costs for diverse nightlife activations and festivals.	Do not support	Not applicable	Large scale events create a large demand for police presence outside normal duties. The only way to have police present at these events is through use of user-pay policing costs. Most events are for profit with a substantial entry fee. Requiring police to attend as part of their normal duties would result in police being pulled away from other duties, increasing the risk to community safety and severely impacting the ability of police to respond to calls for service. The Queensland Government does not support using government funds to reduce user-pays policing costs.	Not applicable

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21	Review the requirement to seek local government approval for outdoor dining and introduce self-assessment capability.	Support	3.1c Encouraging councils to facilitate outdoor dining, parklets, temporary activations and the use of underutilised public assets	Local councils are empowered to make decisions in relation to outdoor dining through their local law-making powers, based on local circumstances. This is consistent with the Queensland Government's empowering councils reform agenda and the Equal Partners in Government Agreement between the Queensland Government and local governments. The Queensland Government will work with the local government sector to encourage councils to implement best practice and facilitate opportunities for local businesses, where appropriate.	2027-2028
22	Explore the appropriateness of 'Michael's Rule' for the Queensland context for major touring artists to open with local acts, in line with the Federal Government's inquiry into live music recommendations.	Support	2.1a Exploring opportunities to promote Queensland local artists to support major touring acts	The Queensland Government acknowledges that requiring local artists to be placed on the same tours, stages and promotional material as major touring artists can help showcase local talent to new markets and diversify audiences. The Queensland Government will develop a 'Homegrown' policy position and/or opportunities to encourage major touring events to showcase local acts in Queensland with consideration to be given to the operational and contractual arrangements of major touring events, the interests of promoters and venues, and potential economic impacts on the live music industry.	2027-2028
23	Develop a campaign and resources promoting the message of 'A nightlife for everyone, everywhere'.	Support	4.1 Developing an awareness campaign and resources to support respectful, inclusive and accessible nightlife experiences	The Queensland Government supports initiatives that promote a safe, vibrant and accessible nightlife environment for all Queenslanders and visitors. Subject to funding and relevant approvals, opportunities to develop campaign materials and supporting resources will be explored. In the interim, targeted resources will be developed to support industry in fostering safe, vibrant and accessible nightlife experiences across Queensland	2027-2028
24	Facilitate flexible parking for community wellness service delivery partners operating in Safe Night Precincts (SNPs) between 9 pm and 4 am.	Support	4.2b Supporting flexible parking arrangements for community wellness providers in Safe Night Precincts	The Queensland Government supports facilitating flexible parking arrangements for community wellness service delivery partners operating in SNPs between 9 pm and 4 am. Under existing legislation and administrative processes, these organisations can apply to the Department of Transport and Main Roads for a Special Circumstance Permit, which provides targeted exemptions from certain parking enforcement. This ensures these vital services can operate effectively with minimal administrative burden. The Queensland Government will explore options to undertake targeted promotion of Special Circumstance Permits to eligible organisations, particularly in the context of SNPs.	2026
25	Champion diverse viewpoints for Queensland Government-sponsored nightlife events and festivals.	Support	4.1b Championing diverse viewpoints and inclusion at government-supported events and festivals	Each year, the Queensland Government recognises and supports Multicultural Queensland Month, NAIDOC Week, Queensland Women's Week, Queensland Youth Week and Disability Action Week as well as offering small grants such as the Empowering Queensland Women Grants, Celebrating Multicultural Queensland Grants and NAIDOC Week grants to support celebration in communities throughout the state. The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner working with sponsoring agencies to ensure diverse viewpoints are considered by nightlife festival and event organisers as part of sponsorship arrangements.	2027-2028
26	Develop optional training and support resources to empower venue staff as 'Guardians of the Nightlife' to recognise poor behaviour and escalate concerns appropriately.	Support	4.1d Encouraging industry-led harm minimisation initiatives and patron safety measures	The Queensland Government acknowledges training and guidance that supports venue staff to identify poor behaviour and safely respond may help foster safer and more inclusive nightlife environments. The Queensland Government considers this recommendation is best implemented by industry, which has greater insights into circumstances staff may encounter and best practice in safely responding to or escalating concerns. The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner advocating for industry implementation.	For implementation by industry

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27	Explore equipping venues with resources to assist people with medical emergencies.	Note	4.1d Encouraging industry-led harm minimisation initiatives and patron safety measures	As part of having resources to respond to medical emergencies, individual businesses could consider purchasing naloxone to have on site as part of their first aid kit. They could provide appropriate training for staff through a suitable provider including online options. Queensland Health continues to support the implementation of the national Take Home Naloxone Program through approved providers (such as community pharmacies) and alternative authorised suppliers (such as health services). Businesses can find a local provider via the Commonwealth online site Take Home Naloxone (THN) Program Participating Site Locator which could also be promoted to patrons.	For implementation by businesses
28	Incentivise venues to provide drink spiking test kits to increase patron safety.	Support in principle	4.1d Encouraging industry-led harm minimisation initiatives and patron safety measures	The Queensland Government acknowledges the importance of ensuring safety of patrons in licensed venues and supports harm minimisation efforts; and recognises that industry associations, liquor accords, and SNP local boards are well placed to collaborate with licensed venues to promote best practice and implement effective patron safety measures. The Queensland Government considers these organisations are best placed to consider initiatives, such as provision of drink spiking test kits, to enhance safety and minimise potential harm in entertainment precincts, and to have ongoing engagement with licenced venues about best practice.	For implementation by industry and businesses
29	Explore reducing speed limits for 'Nightlife Zones' at designated high activity times.	Support	3.2b Supporting councils wishing to undertake speed limit reviews and changes within nightlife precincts	The Queensland Government acknowledges that councils, as relevant road authorities, are empowered to set speed limits and supports the Commissioner to advocate for local governments to consider reduced speed limits in nightlife zones. The Queensland Government will provide support for targeted councils wishing to undertake speed limit reviews and implement speed limit changes.	2027-2028
30	Modernise the Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) training to set new national standards incorporating additions made at state levels for a uniform certificate, removing current barriers for interstate workers.	Note	4.1 Promoting safer, more inclusive and accessible nightlife environments to improve connectivity, accessibility and safety	The Queensland Government notes RSA training is a Commonwealth program and notes the Commissioner and the sector can advocate for a uniform certificate that incorporates additions made by other jurisdictions and removes barriers for interstate workers.	For implementation by the Commonwealth
31	Improve the RSA training focused on accessibility and inclusion, to enhance service for patrons with disability.	Note	4.1 Promoting safer, more inclusive and accessible nightlife environments to improve connectivity, accessibility and safety	As per recommendation 30, the Queensland Government notes RSA training is a Commonwealth program and the Commissioner and the sector can advocate for RSA training to include improved accessibility and inclusion content.	For implementation by the Commonwealth
32	Introduce free mobile phone charging stations in Safe Night Precincts (SNPs).	Support	4.2a Supporting councils to deliver mobile phone charging stations in Safe Night Precincts under the Nightlife Precinct Activation Program	This recommendation has been considered holistically with recommendations 34 and 38 – refer to the government response under recommendation 34. The Queensland Government also notes free charging facilities are available in some SNP rest and recovery areas.	2027-2028
33	Increase awareness of existing public transport services and explore opportunities to enhance accessible and expanded transport options across South East and regional Queensland, with a particular focus on improving services in regional areas. 33.1 Conduct a pilot program to extend train services from Fortitude Valley on weekends, targeting the 1 am to 4 am period to address the current gap in services during peak egress from the Valley SNP.	Support in part	4.2b Improving awareness of existing late-night public transport options to support safer, more accessible journeys home	Existing late-night bus services operate in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Townsville and Cairns, with Nightlink rail services operating between 1 am and 4 am on the Beenleigh, Caboolture and Ipswich lines in South East Queensland. The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) provides these services at significant operating costs, despite low patronage. The Queensland Government supports increasing awareness of existing Nightlink Services before committing to further increased investment. Any proposed expansion to transport options would need to be informed by uptake of existing Nightlink services. The Queensland Government does not support expanding transport options or conducting a pilot program to extend train services from the Fortitude Valley on weekends.	2026

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34 Deliver grants for nightlife economy-specific amenities and placemaking enhancements and explore shared funding opportunities between state and local government.	Support	3.2a Supporting councils to deliver public realm and streetscape improvements that enhance the local nightlife	Recommendations 32, 34, and 38 have been considered holistically. The Queensland Government will deliver a Nightlife Precinct Activation Program to support councils to deliver streetscape, public realm and placemaking improvements. The program will be a shared initiative, with councils also contributing funding for eligible projects. Councils are best placed to identify and deliver projects given their strong connections with local businesses and the community. Priority will be given to safety initiatives, such as mobile phone charging stations, in SNPs. The Queensland Government acknowledges the important role of the Commissioner to promote programs with local governments and advocate for nightlife economy specific amenities and placemaking enhancement projects.	2027-2028
35 Advocate for fairer taxi and rideshare practices to ensure safe, reasonable, and reliable passage home.	Support	4.3c Continuing to engage with taxi and rideshare providers to support safe and fair practices	The Queensland Government regularly engages with the personalised transport industry and supports continued engagement with taxi and rideshare providers to ensure safe and fair practices. The Queensland Government has taken steps to advocate for fairer practices and will continue to deliver compliance and education activities to address driver behaviour issues. The Queensland Government also provides secure taxi ranks in late-night entertainment precincts across Queensland, including many SNPs on Friday and Saturday nights and for some special events.	2027-2028
36 Support taxi service providers to increase wheelchair accessible taxis.	Support	4.3d Supporting wheelchair accessible taxi services and accessible transport options	The Queensland Government supports the taxi industry to provide wheelchair accessible taxi services through \$25 driver incentive payments for trips taken by a Taxi Subsidy Scheme member who travels in their wheelchair. The Queensland Government has also invested \$6.3 million in 2026-27 to extend the Wheelchair Accessible Taxi Grant Scheme, which supports accessible transport options.	2027-2028
37 Advocate to improve rideshare safety by reducing unreasonable cancellations and expanding well-designed designated pick-up zones for safe passage home.	Support in principle	4.3a Considering opportunities to improve rideshare safety, including designated pick-up zones or alternative safety measures where appropriate	The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring safety for all personalised transport passengers and drivers and will advocate for safe practices with rideshare providers, including reducing unreasonable cancellations. The Queensland Government notes rideshare pick-up zone proposals have different safety implications. For example, people congregating in designated areas may create hotspots for poor behaviour and increased harm or encourage drivers to unlawfully ply for hire or provide 'off-the-books' services which pose safety risks for passengers. These safety implications, and potential costs to government for increased security (similar to the taxi rank program) and compliance and enforcement activities, require careful consideration before any policy change or advocacy about expanding designated pick-up zones in nightlife precincts. The Queensland Government will consider opportunities to improve rideshare safety to determine whether there is a need for designated rideshare pick-up zones or whether safety improvements can be delivered through different activities. The outcomes of this work may require further government consideration.	2027-2028
38 Investigate support to fund streetscapes and street art for welcoming and safe placemaking and explore shared funding opportunities between state and local government.	Support	3.2a Supporting councils to deliver public realm and streetscape improvements that enhance the local nightlife	Recommendations 32, 34 and 38 have been considered holistically – refer to the government response under recommendation 34.	2027-2028

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39 Adopt the internationally recognised 'Purple Flag' accreditation program for 'Nightlife Zones' based on the 5 core principles of wellbeing, movement, appeal, place and strategic alignment. 39.1 Pilot gaining 'Purple Flag' accreditation for an identified precinct.	Note	31 Support local nightlife precinct planning and activation	The Queensland Government notes the vibrancy, safety and business-friendly pillars underpinning the Commissioner's recommendations align with the Purple Flag program's core principles. There is potential for increased burden for councils and businesses to achieve and maintain accreditation and it is not known whether the benefits of adopting the program are greater than the implementation costs. The Queensland Government will focus its resources and expenditure on actions which directly support all businesses and councils to build the nightlife economy. The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner's encouragement of industry, councils and SNP local boards considering accreditation for their area and businesses and apply to the UK Association of Town and City Management for accreditation.	For implementation by industry or councils
40 Explore best practice initiatives from other jurisdictions to promote women's safety in nightlife settings.	Support	4.1c Supporting initiatives to improve women's safety in nightlife settings	The Queensland Government supports the right of all women to feel safe and free from violence and will explore best practice initiatives from other jurisdictions to promote women's safety in nightlife settings. This work will be progressed alongside other initiatives to prevent and respond to sexual violence to help restore safety and get better outcomes for victims of sexual assault and hold perpetrators to account.	2027-2028
41 Ensure strong coordination and master planning for well-connected precincts, incorporating vibrancy and safety principles ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.	Support	3.1d Supporting councils to embed vibrancy and safety principles into precinct planning and master planning ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games	The Queensland Government recognises that coordinated, precinct-based master planning is critical to delivering well-connected, vibrant and safe communities in the lead up to, and beyond, the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. A place-led approach will integrate venue planning and design with the physical, cultural and environmental context of each precinct, while considering planned growth to 2032 to support long-term legacy outcomes. The Queensland Government acknowledges that local governments are responsible for neighbourhood and precinct planning under the state's planning framework. The Playbook to be delivered under Recommendation 17 will further support councils by providing guidance on activating and strengthening nightlife economies, to inform local master planning and planning instruments. A collaborative partnership across all levels of government and Games partners will be essential to achieving these outcomes. The Office of the Queensland Government Architect (OQGA) can provide a design review and advisory role to support precinct planning and design quality. The design and delivery values established for the 2032 Games, together with the Green Pathways and Gold Places partnership with industry and councils, provide a strong framework to guide outcomes that promote vibrancy, safety, and social and economic sustainability.	2029-2030
42 Discount liquor licence fees for grassroots live music venues.	Support in principle	2.2a Considering a framework for discounted liquor licence fees for grassroots live music venues	The Queensland Government will consider developing a legislative framework to provide for discounted liquor licence fees for grassroots live music venues. Consideration will be given to the scope of eligible venues, criteria for identifying grassroots live music venues and the feasibility of offering a sector-specific fee discount. The outcome of this work will be subject to further government consideration.	2027-2028 depending on complexity and scope of legislative framework
43 Enable external advertising of on-premises liquor prices and promotions.	Support	1.3b Enabling external advertising of on-premises liquor prices and promotions	The Queensland Government will enable external advertising of on-premises liquor prices and promotions, noting this will reduce red tape for licensees, provide greater flexibility when communicating with patrons, and increase business opportunities and patron choice.	2026-2027

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44 Continue enhancing liquor licensing regulations to better support and strengthen the sector. 44.1 Streamline additional premises application processes. 44.2 Streamline the application process for alterations and renovations. 44.3 Provide the ability to apply for short-term licences, with reduced documentation requirements for low-risk venues or events.		Support in part	1.3c Streamlining applications for additional premises, short-term licences (where appropriate), and venue alterations and renovations	The Queensland Government will continue enhancing liquor licensing regulations to streamline the application processes for additional premises, short-term licenses (where appropriate), alterations, and renovations, noting this will simplify compliance, reduce administrative delays, and lower costs for businesses.	2026-2028
45 Modernise restrictions under the <i>Liquor Act 1992</i> , regarding the sale and supply of alcohol on Good Friday and Christmas Day.		Do not support	Not applicable	Amending restrictions to allow sale and supply of alcohol on Good Friday and Christmas Day would increase availability of alcohol on days traditionally associated with community observance and family gatherings and increase associated demand on police and health services.	Not applicable
46 Develop a publicly available Queensland nightlife economy data dashboard with insights on consumer and sector trends to inform policy development and business activations.		Note	Not applicable	The Queensland Government notes that existing data sources are available for the industry to track progress.	For implementation by industry
47 Advocate in partnership with other jurisdictions to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for a consistent definition of the nightlife economy for consistent data gathering.		Support	5.1a Supporting the ongoing role of the Queensland Nightlife Economy Commissioner to provide leadership, coordination and advocacy for the nightlife economy	The Queensland Government supports advocacy in partnership with other jurisdictions to the ABS for a consistent definition of the nightlife economy for consistent data gathering.	Ongoing
48 Work with other jurisdictions within Australia to move to a national nightlife economy data dashboard.		Note	5.1a Supporting the ongoing role of the Queensland Nightlife Economy Commissioner to provide leadership, coordination and advocacy for the nightlife economy	The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner to explore development of a national nightlife economy data dashboard with jurisdictional counterparts. The outcomes of this work may require further government consideration.	Ongoing
49 Enhance the risk-based approach to liquor licensing framework so it is modern and fit for purpose. 49.1 Update the categorisation of licensed premises by introducing a medium category (e.g. low, medium and high). 49.2 Explore a risk-based fee structure where application and annual fees are based on the size and risk profile of the venue. 49.3 Fast-track approvals for applicants with a good compliance history. 49.4 Fast-track approvals for repeat events, such as annual activations. 49.5 Fast-track approvals for low-risk venues, such as restaurants. 49.6 Simplify liquor licence transfers and provide the ability for Interim Authority to operate for existing licensees.		Do not support	Not applicable	The existing liquor licensing framework seeks to carefully balance harm minimisation and public safety with regulatory burden for industry. In the absence of clearly identified issues with the existing framework, there is insufficient justification for undertaking broad reforms to the liquor licensing system.	Not applicable

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50	Deliver a sector concierge with end-to-end support. 50.1 Offering tailored advice based on the licensee's business model or event type. 50.2 Assist with temporary licences, permits, and approvals for one-off or recurring events. 50.3 Provide clear step-by-step guidance for licensees and new applicants. 50.4 Provide pre-lodgement help to guide applicants in understanding the requirements and preparing their applications.	Support in principle	1.4a Promoting business support services available to nightlife businesses	The Queensland Government provides support to nightlife businesses primarily through the Business Queensland website, in particular through Business Assist, that connects small and family business owners with the right information on programs and services to support their unique situation; and through the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation which supports liquor licensees and applicants with liquor and gaming matters. The Queensland Government's Tourism Support Hub also provides end-to-end support to tourism operators, including hospitality businesses, to navigate government processes. Enquiries are case managed to ensure personalised support and solutions tailored to business needs.	2026
51	Encourage councils to invest in infrastructure and utilities to foster and enhance vibrant activations.	Support	3.1a Encouraging councils to explore opportunities to implement Special Entertainment Precincts	The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner in encouraging councils to invest in infrastructure and utilities to foster and enhance safe and vibrant activations, including by promoting grants programs.	2026
52	Simplify the parklet application process to support business activation.	Support in principle	3.1c Encouraging councils to facilitate outdoor dining, parklets, temporary activations and the use of underutilised public assets	The Queensland Government acknowledges that local councils are empowered to make decisions about parklet programs, based on local circumstances through their local law-making powers. The Queensland Government will work with the local government sector to encourage councils to review their existing parklet programs or consider establishing a program if it is appropriate for their local needs.	2026
53	The Commissioner's Nightlife Economy Advisory Panel (the Advisory Panel) will continue to foster industry collaboration, innovation and promote best practice.	Support	5.1b Continuing the Nightlife Economy Advisory Panel to support industry collaboration and long-term sector stewardship	The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner to Chair the Nightlife Economy Advisory Panel and continue to foster industry collaboration, innovation and best practice.	Ongoing
54	State and local government to unlock the potential of underutilised public assets to support vibrant and dynamic temporary activations.	Support in principle	3.1c Encouraging councils to facilitate outdoor dining, parklets, temporary activations and the use of underutilised public assets	The Queensland Government, through Economic Development Queensland (EDQ), will unlock the potential of underutilised public assets in Priority Development Areas to support vibrant and dynamic temporary activations, where appropriate. The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner in encouraging councils to consider unlocking the potential of underutilised local government assets. This could include applying for grants to support temporary activations as they become available.	2026
55	Offer free or low-cost training to empower licensees with the knowledge to meet their obligations and confidently manage compliance, including insurance requirements.	Note	5.2c Improving access to industry guidance and compliance resources	The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation provides comprehensive guidance, such as the Guide for New Liquor Licensees, to assist businesses with their liquor compliance obligations including related matters such as AUSTRAC reporting. The Queensland Government notes that depending on the nature and activities of a business there are different types of compulsory and non-compulsory insurance. The Queensland Government considers this part of the recommendation is best implemented by industry.	For implementation by industry
56	Create a centralised online system for liquor licence applications to improve transparency, efficiency and the ability for licensees to track application progress.	Support in principle	1.3d Working towards a centralised online liquor licensing application system	The Queensland Government will work towards an online system for liquor licence applications, noting this requires funding considerations and delivery of upgraded IT systems.	2027-2028, with timeframes depending on complexity and scope

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57	Provide government recognition of culturally and/or architecturally significant venues through targeted funding or concessions.	Support	2.2b Providing recognition for iconic and culturally significant nightlife venues that contribute to local character and community identity	The Queensland Heritage Register provides an established process to recognise culturally and architecturally significant venues. Any person or entity including individuals, community groups, local authorities, and government departments can apply for a place to be entered in the Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place. The Queensland Government will update guidelines, where appropriate, for funding programs to support culturally and/or architecturally significant venues. Some local governments also have a local heritage register, which can recognise culturally or architecturally significant venues which are locally important. Similar to the Queensland Heritage Register, any person can nominate a place to be included on a local heritage register.	2027-2028
58	Investigate options for the use or upgrade of derelict buildings in 'Nightlife Zones'.	Do not support	Not applicable	Government has limited powers in relation to privately owned derelict buildings unless a building is deemed unsafe. Responsibility for the upkeep and management of properties rests primarily with individual property owners. Government cannot compel redevelopment or demolition of a derelict building.	Not applicable
59	Investigate insurance challenges for nightlife economy sector businesses, partnering with other jurisdictions to seek solutions.	Note	5.2a Encouraging an industry-led investigation of insurance challenges impacting nightlife businesses	The Queensland Government acknowledges that high insurance costs and limited options are significant issues for nightlife businesses. The Queensland Government considers industry is best placed to hold or be entrusted with insurance data, to understand the drivers behind increasing insurance costs and to identify practical solutions. The Queensland Government supports the Commissioner to advocate for industry implementation. Once completed, the Commissioner could advocate for change at different levels of government.	For implementation by industry
60	Explore incentives encouraging young people aged 16–25 to attend live music in grassroots music venues and cultural entertainment in small theatres.	Do not support	Not applicable	Specific incentives by government to encourage the attendance of young people who are under the age of 18 at nightlife events is not supported. For young Queenslanders over the age of 18, other incentives to improve the vibrancy and safety of nightlife experiences are being progressed through other recommendations.	Not applicable
61	Review requirements for co-contribution for grants to ensure equity for small and family businesses.	Do not support	Not applicable	Co-contribution requirements maximise the reach, impact and sustainability of limited public funds by leveraging private investment and ensuring recipients have a demonstrated commitment to project delivery. Reviewing or removing the requirement would reduce the value for money achieved through grant programs, weaken incentives for co-investment, and increase pressure on limited government funding without evidence of a systemic issue or clearly identified policy problem requiring intervention.	Not applicable
62	Provide grants for sector businesses for sound attenuation, lighting, accessibility and beautification.	Do not support	Not applicable	Capital improvements are considered the responsibility of individual businesses and property owners. Government resources are better directed towards initiatives that deliver broad community benefit, rather than subsidising private business capital improvements. The Queensland Government will continue to support small and family businesses through the actions outlined in the Small and Family Business First Action Statement.	Not applicable

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