

# Frequently asked questions: proposed changes to support delivery of special entertainment precincts

This document provides information about proposed changes to trial a special entertainment precinct. This aims to support councils to grow their night time economies.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (the department) proposes to make a change to allow Inner West Council to trial a special entertainment precinct on Enmore Road, Enmore from **1 September to 30 November 2022**. The proposed change will temporarily amend the Inner West council's Local Environmental Plan to identify a special entertainment precinct.

## General

### What are special entertainment precincts?

Changes to the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Liquor Act 2007* allow councils to formally establish a precinct in their local government area. How a potential precinct is identified and defined by council will depend on local amenities, existing infrastructure and current (or intended) neighbourhood character.

The change will allow council to trial a Noise Management Plan in the precinct. This plan will set out noise management and compliance practices for entertainment related sound within the precinct.

Councils can identify a special entertainment precinct as a single venue, a precinct, streetscape or other defined area.

The aim of the precincts is to support the development of vibrant, accessible, safe and inclusive entertainment districts. The precincts can support live music, entertainment and performance by giving venues and businesses more certainty through a clear and consistent approach to noise management.

### Why are special entertainment precincts needed?

Special entertainment precincts will support NSW's growing night time economy across the regions and in Greater Sydney. The night time economy covers all social and business activities that take place between 6 pm and 6 am, including retail, education, employment and transport. The precincts have the potential to generate jobs, attract visitors and support the live music, art, performance and other creative industries.

### Why is a trial needed?

A trial allows a temporary experience of a proposed precinct. It is an opportunity for councils to engage with the community to evaluate and refine the measures proposed. It will also help councils

to ensure local plans and conditions for venues are supportive of a thriving live music and entertainment scene, considering the practical implications of proposed precinct plans.

The NSW Government is delivering a pilot program to inform the development of draft Guidelines to help establish and operate a special entertainment precinct. As part of the pilot program, one special entertainment precinct is being trialled to understand the benefits and impact, and to explore the practical considerations for noise management.

Aspects being investigated include:

- community reception and feedback about precinct boundaries, area, and proposed amenities
- noise management practices
- compliance processes and monitoring.

## Inner West Trial Special Entertainment Precinct

### What do the proposed changes involve?

The proposed temporary changes will allow Inner West Council to trial a special entertainment precinct on Enmore Road, Enmore. The proposed precinct includes Enmore Road from the top of Edgeware Road (intersection of Stanmore, Enmore and Edgeware Roads), to Newtown Station (intersection of Enmore Road and King Street).

The trial will allow the local community, residents and businesses to experience what is proposed in the precinct. It will also give Inner West Council an opportunity to gain community feedback on having a special entertainment precinct, test and progress its compliance processes and noise management arrangements.

### How long will the trial run?

The Enmore Road Precinct trial will run across 3 months: from **1 September to 30 November 2022**. After this the measures will cease to apply.

### How will the changes be implemented?

The department is exhibiting an Explanation of Intended Effect for the changes. The department will use a State Environmental Planning Policy to temporarily amend the Inner West Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to:

- map venues included in the proposed Enmore Road precinct area (Commercial properties addressed to Enmore Road between the Edgeware Road and Enmore Road intersection on the western end and the King Street and Enmore Road intersection on the eastern end)
- operate a time limited trial precinct from 1 September to 30 November 2022.

Following the trial, Inner West Council will be responsible for evaluating the trial and formalising the precinct. If Council decides to make the precinct permanent, Council will need to change its LEP. The department will work with the council to facilitate this process if required.

## How do I provide feedback on the proposed changes?

To make a submission on the proposed changes, go to [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/special-entertainment-precincts](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/special-entertainment-precincts) and complete the submission form.

## When will the exhibition close?

The Explanation of Intended Effect is on exhibition for 4 weeks from **10 June to 8 July 2022**.

## Who can I contact if I have a question about the trial or proposed changes?

For more information on the proposed Enmore Road Precinct trial, please contact Inner West Council directly:

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For more information on the exhibition of the Explanation of Intended Effect, please contact the Codes Team at the Department of Planning and Environment:

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Or call our information centre on 1300 305 695. If English isn't your first language and you would like an interpreter, please call 131 450. Ask for an interpreter in your language. Next, ask the operator to connect you to our information centre.

## Draft Special Entertainment Precinct Guidelines

### What support is there for councils to establish a precinct?

The department is preparing draft Guidelines to support councils. These draft Guidelines are being co-designed with the Office for Local Government NSW and the Office for the 24-Hour Economy Commissioner, following consultation with industry, the sector and relevant agencies. The department will use findings from the Inner West trial to refine the draft Guidelines.

If councils are interested in establishing a precinct for their own local government areas and wish to access an early draft, please contact your Council Engagement Manager at the Office of Local Government NSW. Alternatively, contact the office at [olg@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au) or 02 4428 4100.

### Where can I find out more about what is proposed in a noise management plan?

Councils are responsible for delivering their trial and sharing proposed arrangements for their specific precincts. Please contact council directly.

### What will happen in the precinct during the trial period?

Inner West Council will determine the events and initiatives that occur during the trial period based on interest from local venues.