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EXTRA KINGS CROSS TRANSPORT AND MORE POLICE KICK OFF THIS LONG WEEKEND

The NSW Government's Kings Cross crackdown kicks off this long weekend with more police and public transport, Premier Barry O'Farrell said today.

"Operation Rushmore starts tonight with dozens of additional Police patrolling Kings Cross and the CBD in a high visibility show of force to would-be troublemakers," Mr O'Farrell said.

"This operation by the NSW Police Force will send the strongest possible message to hoodlums that they aren't welcome in the Cross," he said.

"Police are working hard to ensure Kings Cross is a safe place for people to go, not just on this grand final weekend, but every weekend.

"These additional officers are on top of those who already police Kings Cross, George Street and the CBD.

"The NSW Police Force, supported by a number of NSW Government agencies and the City of Sydney Council, will target alcohol and drug-related crime and anti-social violent behaviour in public places in the lead up to and over summer.

"The Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing will have a team of 11 compliance officers inspecting licenced venues. Police are also deploying mobile charge buses to assist with the operation.

"Since the election, the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has increased police numbers across the state by 210 to a record 16,016 officers.

"Improved public transport also begins this weekend, including additional security at taxi ranks.

"Under the changes, on a Friday and Saturday night there will be:

- A bus to Central every eight minutes between 1am and 5am;
- A bus to Town Hall every 15 minutes; and,
- Additional security at taxi ranks.

"These extra transport options will allow travellers to link up with existing Night Ride services at Town Hall and Central.

"Flyers have been distributed to licenced premises to inform patrons of the increased public transport options available from this weekend," Mr O'Farrell said.

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