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Dear Mr Coffey

Requirement to apply for a music festival licence – Defqon.1

I refer to previous letters from the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (Authority) dated 28 February 2019 and 15 March 2019 regarding your music festival event Defqon.1 last held on 15 September 2018.

The Authority has considered the preliminary question of whether, pursuant to section 159(2A) of the *Liquor Act 2007* (Act) and clause 35A of the Liquor Regulation 2018 (Regulation), this event should be the subject of an application for a music festival licence.

In making this determination, the Authority has had due regard to the statutory objects and considerations in section 3 of the Act, and has considered the available evidence or information regarding:

- advice from the NSW Health Secretary (Health) and the NSW Commissioner of Police (Police) as to whether the health risks associated with this event would be more appropriately addressed by a music festival licence than any other type of licence;
- any death in NSW that has occurred in connection with the event in the last three years; and
- your submissions (written and oral) as to the reasons the event should be licensed to sell or supply liquor under a licence that is not a music festival licence.

The Authority has decided that the sale or supply of liquor at your next event would more appropriately be provided under a music festival licence.

When making this determination, the Authority draws no adverse conclusion as to the quality of this event or its recent management history. Rather, the Authority considers that the industry-specific licence provisions in Part 4 Division 3 of the Regulation offer a preferable framework for regulating an event of this type, time of year, scale and complexity, noting the risk factors identified by Health and Police and taking into account your submissions on those matters.

The application form for a music festival licence is available at the following link: https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/218431/app1000-music-festival-licence-application.pdf.

The NSW Health Guidelines for Music Festivals are available at the following link: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aod/Publications/music-festival-guidelines.PDF>.

If you have any enquires about the process for making an application please contact Joanne Zammit, Manager, at joanne.zammit@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au or on (02) 9995 0330 should you wish to discuss the licensing of your event.



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip Crawford", enclosed in a thin blue rectangular border.

Philip Crawford
Chairperson

For and on behalf of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority