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Dear Allan

Application No.	1-7465289562
Applicant	Hastings Co-operative Limited
Application for	Removal of a packaged liquor licence
Licence number	LIQP724010126
Current licence name	North Coast Wine Cellar, Port Macquarie
Current premises	Part of Cassegrain Winery 764 Fernbank Creek Road Port Macquarie NSW 2444
Current trading hours	Monday to Saturday 5:00 AM – 11:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Proposed license name	Supa IGA Liquor Sovereign Hills
Proposed premises	Shop 1, 15 Chancellors Drive Thrumster NSW 2444
Proposed trading hours	Monday to Saturday 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 30, 31, 40, 45, 48 and 59 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Application for the removal of a packaged liquor licence – Supa IGA Liquor Sovereign Hills

The Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority considered the application above, and decided on 11 December 2019 to approve the application under section 59 of the *Liquor Act 2007*, subject to imposing conditions as set out in Schedule 1.

Trading on a Sunday that falls on 24 December

Please note that in the case of any Sunday that falls on 24 December, the 6-hour closure period overrides the statutory provision that would otherwise allow the licence to trade from 9:00 AM. In accordance with the 6-hour closure period for the current licence, the proposed premises must not trade earlier than 10:00 AM.

Concise statement of reasons

A concise statement of reasons for this decision is attached at the end of this letter.

In the interest of efficient finalisation of determined matters in a high-volume liquor and gaming jurisdiction, the Authority will only produce a detailed statement of reasons for applications which are refused, partially approved or the subject of stakeholder objections.

A concise statement of reasons is produced for non-contested applications that have been approved by the Authority, in cases where a statement of reasons is required to be published for the application under section 36C of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*.

The concise statement of reasons briefly sets out the material considered by the Authority, the legislative requirements, and the Authority's key findings.

If you have any questions, please contact the case manager at charles.rivers@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



Murray Smith
Deputy Chairperson
For and on behalf of the **Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority**

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Key facts

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Application date	27 August 2019
Decision	Approved under section 59 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>
Decision date	11 December 2019

Material considered by the Authority

The Authority has considered the following material in determining the application:

- Application material, including evidence of notification to specified stakeholders and the community about the application;
- Category B community impact statement;
- Premises plan setting out the proposed boundaries of the licensed premises and the liquor sales area;
- Plan of management for the licensed business at the premises;
- Development consent for the premises;
- Statistics sourced from Liquor & Gaming NSW, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Health and Australian Bureau of Statistics in respect of the socio-economic status, liquor licence density, alcohol-related crimes rates, and health issues in the relevant local and broader communities; and
- Stakeholder submissions in relation to the application, and the applicant's response to those submissions.

Legislative requirements

The Authority has considered the application in the context of the following sections of the *Liquor Act 2007*, and the associated clauses of the Liquor Regulation 2018:

- Section 3: Statutory objects of the Act and relevant considerations.
- Sections 11A and 12: Standard trading period for liquor licences and a mandatory 6 hour period during which liquor cannot be sold.
- Sections 29-31: Specific provisions in respect of a packaged liquor licence.
- Section 40: Minimum procedural requirements for a liquor licence application to be validly made.
- Section 45: Criteria for granting a liquor licence.
- Section 48: Requirements in respect of a CIS, including a requirement that the Authority must not approve the application unless it is satisfied, having regard to the CIS and other

available information, that the overall social impact of doing so will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.

- Section 59: Requirements for an application to remove a liquor licence to another premises and the determination of such an application.

The Authority has also had regard to its Guideline 6 in considering the overall social impact of approving the application pursuant to section 48 of the Act.

Key findings

In accordance with its Guideline 6, the Authority finds that the relevant local community for the purposes of this decision is the suburb of Thrumster, and the broader community is the Local Government Area of Port Macquarie Hastings.

Positive social impacts

The Authority notes that the applicant proposes to remove the licence to a shopping centre located in the new master planned development, Sovereign Hills. The Authority notes that there are presently no liquor licences in the local community to service the needs of the rapidly growing local population. Accordingly, the Authority is satisfied that the licence will likely benefit the local community through the provision of increased liquor access and convenience.

Negative social impacts

The Authority accepts that the proposal may, over time, contribute to an increase in alcohol-related harm in the local and broader communities, including alcohol-fuelled violence, health problems and/or social and amenity issues, having regard to the:

- higher than average crime rates for alcohol-related domestic and non-domestic assault, malicious damage to property, and alcohol-related disorderly conduct (offensive conduct) in the broader community
- higher than average level of alcohol-attributable deaths in the broader community.

The Authority is nevertheless satisfied that these risk factors are sufficiently mitigated by the following:

- the removal of the licence within the LGA will not increase the density of packaged liquor licences in the broader community
- the approved trading hours at the proposed premises are less than those that apply to the current premises
- lower than average liquor licence density in the local and broader community
- relative socio-economic advantage in the local community
- absence of any objections from agency stakeholders or members of the community
- lower than average level of alcohol-attributable hospitalisations in the broader community
- harm minimisation measures set out in the plan of management and licence conditions as set out in Schedule 1.

Overall social impacts and conclusion

Having considered the positive and negative social impacts that are likely to flow from the applicant's proposal, the Authority is satisfied that the overall social impact of approving the application will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.

The Authority is also satisfied that the other legislative requirements for the approval of the application have been met.

The Authority finds, having regard to the above, that approving the application is consistent with the statutory objects and considerations of the Act to regulate the liquor industry in line with the

community's expectations, needs and aspirations, and facilitate the balanced and responsible development of the liquor industry and related industries.

Accordingly, the Authority approves the application under section 59 of the Act.



Murray Smith
Deputy Chairperson

Schedule 1 – Licence conditions to be imposed Supa IGA Liquor Sovereign Hills

1. Section 11A of the *Liquor Act 2007* applies to this licence. Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of six (6) hours between 3:00 AM and 9:00 AM during each consecutive period of 24 hours. The licensee must comply with this 6-hour closure period along with any other limits specified in the trading hours for this licence.
2. Restricted trading & NYE (std)
Take away sales

Good Friday	Not permitted
December 24 th	Normal trading Monday to Saturday 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM Sunday
Christmas Day	Not permitted
December 31 st	Normal trading
3. The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater overall level of social impact on the wellbeing of the local and broader community than what could reasonably be expected from the information contained in the Community Impact Statement, application and other information submitted in the process of removing this licence to the premises at Shop 1, 15 Chancellors Drive, Thrumster.
4. The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated September 2019 as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises, and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
5. The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
6. Closed-circuit television system
 - 1) The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system at the supermarket/general store in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (a) the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the supermarket/general store is required to close,
 - (b) recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of six (6) frames per second,
 - (c) any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image,
 - (d) the system's cameras must cover the following areas:
 - (i) all entry and exit points to the supermarket/general store, and
 - (ii) all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the liquor sales area.
 - 2) The licensee must also:
 - (a) keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days,
 - (b) ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to clause 1(a), by at least one person able to access and fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and
 - (c) provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector within 24 hours of any request by the police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector to provide such recordings.
7. The liquor sales area must be adequately defined from the rest of the supermarket in accordance with the premises plan as approved by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority on 11 December 2019 or any premises plan subsequently approved by the Authority.