

A statutory board established under the Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007

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Dear Mr Cornish

Application No. APP-0007770230

**Applicant** Mr Liquor Holdings Pty Limited

Application forPackaged liquor licenceLicence nameMr Liquor (Ramsgate)

**Trading hours** Monday to Thursday 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Friday to Saturday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Premises Shop 1, 87 Ramsgate Street

Ramsgate NSW 2217

**Legislation** Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 30, 31, 40, 44, 45, and 48 of the *Liquor Act* 

2007

## Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority Application for a Packaged liquor licence – Mr Liquor (Ramsgate)

The Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority considered the application above, and decided on 17 February 2021 to **approve** the application under section 45 of the *Liquor Act* 2007, subject to imposing conditions as set out in Schedule 1.

## Trading on a Sunday that falls on 24 December

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 8:00 am. In accordance with the 6-hour closure period for the current licence, the 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 andy.whitehead@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

Philip Crawford Chairperson For and on behalf of the **Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority** 

## Concise statement of reasons

## **Key facts**

APP-0007770230 Application No.

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**Application for** Packaged liquor licence Licence name Mr Liquor (Ramsgate) **Premises** 

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Sunday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

30 September 2020 **Application date** 

**Decision** Approved under section 45 of the Liquor Act 2007

**Decision date** 17 February 2021

## 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 any applicable authorisations:
- 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 44: Submissions to Authority in relation to licence applications.
- 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.

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 Ramsgate, and the broader community is the Local Government Area of Georges River.

## Positive social impacts

The Authority is satisfied on the material before it that the proposal set out in the application, if approved, would likely benefit the local and broader communities through the provision of increased liquor access, choice and convenience.

The Authority notes that there are no packaged liquor licenses operating within Ramsgate, and accordingly considers that the Premises may offer some measure of convenience to local residents.

## 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 presence of crime hotspots in the local community.

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

- lower than average liquor licence density in the local and broader community
- absence of any objections from agency stakeholders or members of the community
- experience of the applicant as an operator of multiple licensed premises with sound compliance records
- 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 45 of the Act.

Philip Crawford Chairperson

For and on behalf of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

# Schedule 1 – Licence conditions to be imposed Mr Liquor (Ramsgate)

- 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 4:00 AM and 10:00 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)

Retail sales

Good Friday Not permitted

December 24<sup>th</sup> Normal trading Monday to Saturday

8:00 AM to 12 midnight Sunday

Christmas Day Not permitted
December 31<sup>st</sup> 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 obtaining this licence.
- 4. The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated 8 September 2020 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 and 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 on the licensed premises ("the premises") in accordance with the following requirements:
    - (a) the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close,
    - (b) recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) 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 on the premises, and
      - (ii) the footpath immediately adjacent to the premises,
      - (iii) the carpark immediately adjacent to and behind the premises and
      - (iv) all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises,
  - 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. Incident register
  - 1) The licensee must maintain a register, in which the licensee is to record the details of any of the following incidents and any action taken in response to any such incident:
    - (a) any incident involving violence or anti-social behaviour occurring on the premises,
    - (b) any incident of which the licensee is aware that involves violence or anti-social behaviour occurring in the immediate vicinity of the premises and that involves a person who has recently left, or been refused admission to, the premises,

- (c) any incident that results in a person being turned out of the premises under section 77 of the Liquor Act 2007,
- (d) any incident that results in a patron of the premises requiring medical assistance.
- 2) The licensee must, if requested to do so by a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector:
  - (a) make any such incident register immediately available for inspection by a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, and
  - (b) allow a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector to take copies of the register or to remove the register from the premises.
- 3) The licensee must ensure that the information recorded in the incident register under this condition is retained for at least 3 years from when the record was made.
- 8. The licensee must ensure that:
  - (a) The licensee must record in a register full details of any disturbance complaints made by a person to the licensee, management or staff in respect to the manner in which the business of the premises is conducted, or the behaviour of persons entering or leaving the premises. Such recording must include time, date, nature of the complaint and, if provided, any details of the complainant.
  - (b) The licensee must respond to any disturbance complaints in a timely and effective manner. All actions undertaken by the licensee, management and staff to resolve such complaints must be recorded in the register.
- 9. The licensed premises must cease to trade by 8:00 PM on public holidays.