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### **RESTAURANT LICENSEE LOSES APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION FOR ILLEGAL SALE OF SPIRITS**

The NSW District Court has dismissed an appeal against the conviction of a Sydney CBD restaurant licensee for illegally selling straight spirits after midnight in contravention of licence conditions.

The licensee of At Bangkok, Ms Darase Kraykaew, was convicted and fined \$1,100 after pleading guilty to the offence in Downing Centre Local Court in August.

Ms Kraykaew appealed to the District Court against the severity of the penalty. On Tuesday 16 November, the appeal was dismissed.

During a covert operation that began at 2.55am on Sunday 9 August, 2015, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspectors observed a cafe containing straight whiskey at a table where four patrons were seated.

The supply of straight spirits contravenes special conditions for venues in the Sydney CBD Entertainment Precinct.

These conditions ban the sale and supply of any drink containing more than 50 per cent spirits or liqueur after midnight.

The offence has resulted in a first strike against the premises under the NSW Government's Three Strikes scheme whereby repeat offender venues face penalties including suspension of liquor licences.

Liquor & Gaming NSW's Director of Compliance Operations, Sean Goodchild, said the drink restrictions help curb irresponsible, rapid or excessive consumption of alcohol and are part of the mix of initiatives aimed at preventing alcohol-related violence and other anti-social behaviour.

"Liquor & Gaming NSW continues to conduct both overt and covert operations across the state to ensure venues are complying with responsible service of alcohol obligations," Mr Goodchild said.

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