



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ALDI EDGECLIFF LIQUOR LICENCE SUSPENSION**

The ALDI supermarket at Edgecliff will have its liquor licence suspended for three days this week under the Minors Sanctions Scheme after illegally selling alcohol to a juvenile under 18.

As a result it will not be allowed to sell any alcohol from tomorrow until Friday (12-14 April 2016).

About 11.30am on 18 September 2015, Police attended Edgecliff Centre and observed a juvenile holding ALDI shopping bags and money being exchanged between a group of young males.

The shopping bags were inspected and four six packs of beer found. The minor told Police two six packs were taken from one of the young persons' homes and the other two purchased from the ALDI supermarket.

The minor said he was asked to produce identification by a supermarket cashier but told him that he had lost his wallet. Instead the minor showed a photograph of a fraudulent driver's licence on his mobile phone which featured a superimposed image of himself, and was then allowed to purchase the alcohol.

When questioned, the cashier said he was unaware that scanned IDs were not acceptable.

In response to the proposed sanction, ALDI had advised that its staff are trained to check the IDs of all persons who appear to be under 25 and measures taken since the incident to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors included improved training and internal auditing of store procedures. The cashier who sold the alcohol had since undertaken refresher RSA training.

Under the Minors Sanctions Scheme, escalating penalties apply for selling alcohol to under 18s including liquor licence suspensions, cancellations and licensee disqualifications.

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