



**NSW Department of Justice
Liquor & Gaming NSW**

APPLICATION NO: APP-0001681698
APPLICATION FOR: Packaged liquor licence (online)
PROPOSED TRADING HOURS: 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM Monday - Sunday

APPLICANT: Joel Hauer
PROPOSED LICENCE NAME AND PREMISES ADDRESS: Liquor Loot, Se 202 L 2 100 New South Head Road EDGECLIFF 2027
ISSUE: Whether a delegated Liquor & Gaming employee on behalf of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) should grant or refuse an application for a packaged liquor licence (online).
LEGISLATION Section 45(1) *Liquor Act 2007*

ILGA DELEGATED DECISION - APPLICATION FOR PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENCE (ONLINE) – LIQUOR LOOT

Under delegation issued by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority under section 13 of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*, a designated Public Service employee or other Public Service employee of Liquor & Gaming NSW in the Department of Justice, has, after careful consideration of the Application and other material, decided, on 7 October 2016, to grant the Application for a packaged liquor licence (online) (APP-0001681698).

Conditions imposed:

- 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 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.

- Retail sales

Good Friday	Not permitted
December 24th	Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM Sunday



Christmas Day	Not permitted
December 31st	Normal trading

- 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 be reasonably expected from the information contained in the Community Impact Statement, application and other information submitted in the process of obtaining this licence.
- Limited to the sale of liquor only by means of taking orders over the telephone or by facsimile or mail order, or through an Internet site.
- The licensee must conduct the licence in accordance with its Plan of Management dated 7 July 2016 as may be varied from time to time in consultation with the Local Area Commander.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

1. Material before the ILGA delegate

The decision made by the delegate had the Application, the accompanying community impact statement (CIS) Category A and other relevant material:

- 1.1. Application form – lodged 19 February 2016
- 1.2. Community Impact Statement (CIS) document and supporting material that accompanied the Application, dated 19 February 2016. The CIS includes the following contentions on the social impact of granting the Application:
 - 1.2.1 The licence is unlikely to have any adverse impact on the amenity of the neighbourhood as customers will not be permitted to attend the premises. The premises will simply function as a commercial office.
 - 1.2.2 Due to the proposed business model, which focuses on the sale and supply of miniature (60ml) bottles, consumption per customer will be limited to 400ml per month per gift box purchased, which will minimise the impact of the licence.
- 1.3. Email correspondence from Woollahra Municipal Council advising that development consent is in place for the use of the proposed licensed premises as a commercial office, dated 18 February 2016.
- 1.4. Plan of Management for the premises dated 7 July 2016.

- 1.5. Submissions from Woollahra Municipal Council dated 22 March and 26 September 2016, which do not raise any objections to the Application and confirm that no further approvals are required for the use of the premises as a commercial office and storage facility.
- 1.6. EVAT report provided by Director Compliance on 22 March 2016.
- 1.7. Plan of the proposed licensed premises, which comprises a commercial office, received 21 March 2016.
- 1.8. National Police Certificate for the Applicant, dated 12 April 2016.
- 1.9. RSA Interim Certificate 10000734800, dated 11 January 2016.
- 1.10. Copy of the Applicant's passport, lodged with the Application on 19 February 2016.
- 1.11. An email containing photos of the proposed licensed premises showing that it is complete and ready to trade and consenting to revised hours, received 15 July 2016.

2. Legislative framework, statutory objects and considerations

In determining the Application, the delegate has considered relevant provisions of the Act, including the objects and considerations that are prescribed by section 3, which state:

3 Objects of Act

- (1) The objects of this Act are as follows:
 - (a) to regulate and control the sale, supply and consumption of liquor in a way that is consistent with the expectations, needs and aspirations of the community,
 - (b) to facilitate the balanced development, in the public interest, of the liquor industry, through a flexible and practical regulatory system with minimal formality and technicality,
 - (c) to contribute to the responsible development of related industries such as the live music, entertainment, tourism and hospitality industries.
- (2) In order to secure the objects of this Act, each person who exercises functions under this Act (including a licensee) is required to have due regard to the following:



- (a) the need to minimise harm associated with misuse and abuse of liquor (including the harm arising from violence and other anti-social behaviour),
- (b) the need to encourage responsible attitudes and practices towards the promotion, sale, supply, service and consumption of liquor,
- (c) the need to ensure that the sale, supply and consumption of liquor contributes to, and does not detract from, the amenity of community life.

3. Statutory tests

3.1 In determining an application for a licence, under section 45(3) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must also be satisfied that:

- 3.1.1 the applicant is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates,
- 3.1.2 practices will be in place as soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that liquor is sold, supplied or served responsibly on the premises and that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent intoxication on the premises and that those practices will remain in place, and
- 3.1.3 if development consent is required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (or approval under part 3A or part 5.1 of that Act is required), to use the premises for the purposes of the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates – that development consent or approval is in force.

4. Community impact test

4.1 Under section 48(5) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must not grant a licence, authorisation or approval of a kind prescribed by section 48(2) of the Act unless the Authority is satisfied, having regards to the Community Impact Statement, where required, and any other matter the delegate is made aware of during the Application process, that the overall impact of the licence, authorisation or approval in question being granted will not be detrimental to the local or broader community.

4.2 The test applying under section 48(5) relates to delegated decisions in relation to:

- 4.2.1 the grant or removal of a small bar licence (where required),

- 4.2.2 a packaged liquor licence (limited to telephone/internet sales),
- 4.2.3 an application for extended trading hours to permit the sale of liquor after midnight in relation to a small bar (where required), an on premises relating to a restaurant that includes an application for a primary service authorisation, an on premises licence relating to a karaoke bar, a catering service or a vessel, and an application for a producer/wholesaler licence that includes an application for a drink on premises authorisation.
- 4.3 The Community Impact Statement provides the Authority with information about the views of relevant stakeholders and other aspects of the local community in which the proposed licensed premises is to be located. This includes, for example, the proximity of the licensed premises to hospitals or health facilities, nursing homes, schools and places of worship.
- 4.4 Local and Broader Community - for the purposes of this decision, the delegate considers the Local Community to be the suburb of Edgecliff, and the Broader Community, the entire state of NSW. This is because the nature of the licence allows for convenient access to liquor by persons located anywhere in NSW.

5. Analysis of Submissions and other Materials

- 5.1 Having reviewed all of the material, I am satisfied that this application for an online packaged liquor licence is low risk. The sale of liquor will be limited to by means of taking orders over the telephone or by facsimile or mail order, or through an Internet site.
- 5.2 The proposed licensed premises comprises a commercial office, at which online orders will be received and processed. Alcohol will be stored at the proposed licenced premises, however customers will not be permitted to attend the licensed premises. Submissions were received from Woollahra Municipal Council confirming that no further development consent is required for the proposed use of the premises.
- 5.3 No other submissions were received.
- 5.4 The licence will be exercised in accordance with a detailed Plan of Management that details the location, hours of trade, signage requirements, storage of alcohol, responsible service of alcohol and delivery of alcohol.

5.5 I am satisfied that the statutory advertising requirements have been met.

6. Overall social impact

Positive benefits

- 6.1 The licence will be operated from a commercial office over the Internet and by telephone during retail hours. Customers will not attend the premises.
- 6.2 It appears that the business model is somewhat unique, focusing on the provision of miniature bottles of alcohol via a monthly gift box purchase. The nature of the business means it may offer something that is less widely available currently when compared to a more mainstream online packaged liquor business.
- 6.3 The Application, CIS Category A and Plan of Management indicate that the Applicant will sell and supply alcohol responsibly.
- 6.4 The impact of the licence on the Local Community will be diluted due to the licence being limited to the sale of liquor only by means of taking orders over the telephone or by facsimile or mail order, or through an Internet site.

Negative impacts

- 6.5 No concerns were raised by any stakeholders during the consultation process.
- 6.6 The nature of the licence sought means that there are unlikely to be any amenity impacts on the Local Community.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 I am satisfied that procedural fairness was afforded to the applicant and interested parties regarding the decision whether or not to grant the application, as all of those required to be notified of the application were provided with the opportunity to make written submissions and all submissions received were considered and helped inform this decision.
- 7.2 In accordance with section 45(3)(a) of the Act I am satisfied that the proposed licensee is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates.
- 7.3 Having considered the Plan of Management and related material, under section 45(3)(b) of the Act, I am satisfied that practices will be in place at the premises as



soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent intoxication on the premises, and that those practices will remain in place.

7.4 Consistent with section 45(3)(c) of the Act requiring development consent from the local council, I am satisfied that the required development consent or approval is in force.

7.5 I am satisfied that the applicant has provided consent to imposing the conditions contained in the licence document.

7.6 In making this decision under delegation from of the Authority, all statutory objects and considerations prescribed by section 3 of the Act were considered and accordingly, I have determined to grant with conditions the licence application.

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Liquor & Gaming NSW

Delegate of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Important Information:

In accordance with Clause 5 of the Gaming and Liquor Administration Regulation 2008, this decision is reviewable by ILGA.

The licence applicant and persons who were required to be notified of the application and who made a submission can apply for an application for review. An application for a review must be lodged with ILGA within 28 days of the date of the publication of this decision. An application fee applies. For original applicants, the review application fee is the same as the initial application fee. For non-original applicants, the application fee is \$100.

For ILGA reviews of delegated decisions, make an application for review via the Liquor and Gaming Application Noticeboard at:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au/pages/public-consultation/online-application-noticeboard/online-application-noticeboard.aspx>. The Review Application form can be accessed on line via the Application Number hyperlink.

Further information can be obtained from the Reviews page on the Liquor & Gaming website at: <https://www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/ilga/decisions-of-interest/reviews-of-decisions/reviews-of-liquor-and-gaming-decisions.aspx>