

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

APPLICATION NO: APP-0001998605

APPLICATION FOR: Liquor - packaged liquor licence (online)

TRADING HOURS: Monday to Saturday: 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

APPLICANT: Krista Macquire

LICENCE NAME: **Bloke In A Bar**

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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) of the *Liquor Act 2007*

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

Bloke In A Bar

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 decided to grant the application for a packaged liquor licence (online), APP-0001998605.

On 19 January 2017, and after careful consideration of the application and other material, the delegate decided to approve the application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions imposed:

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 6 hours between 11:00 PM and 5:00 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. 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

3. The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater overall level of social impact on the well being 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.
4. 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.
5. The premises are to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated January 2017 as may be varied from time to time after consultation with the Local Area Commander.
6. No advertising or promotional material relating to alcohol is to be displayed outside the premises.
7. No liquor products for sale under this liquor licence are to be stored at the licensed premises address.
8. No tastings are to be provided at the licensed premises.

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) Application form lodged 6 October 2016 (DOC16/121059)
- (2) Category A Community Impact Statement (CIS) document lodged with the application (DOC16/121060)
- (3) National Police Certificate for the applicant issued on 23 September 2016 (DOC16/121065)
- (4) Identification documents for the applicant, lodged with the application (DOC16/121066)
- (5) Certificate of Advertising dated 23 December 2016 (DOC16/014513)
- (6) Plan of Management for the premises dated January 2017 (DOC16/014519)
- (7) Plan of the proposed licensed area (office based business for the purposes of taking orders online or via internet) (DOC16/121063)
- (8) Letter dated 22 September 2016 from Wollongong City Council to the applicant confirming that the proposed business comprises a “home occupation” and does not require development consent (DOC16/121061)
- (9) Submission from Wollongong City Council received 30 October 2016 (DOC16/138224)
- (10) Submission from Wollongong Local Area Command received 25 October 2016 (INW16/51202)
- (11) Email correspondence between the applicant and L&GNSW requesting and providing additional information and consenting to the imposition of the proposed conditions, dated 12 December 2016 and 1 January 2017 (DOC16/171257 and DOC17/012704)

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

- (1) In determining an application for a licence, under section 45(3) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must also be satisfied that:
 - a. the applicant is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates,
 - b. 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
 - c. if development consent is required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (or approval under Part 4 Division 4.1 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

- (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.

- (2) The test applying under section 48(5) relates to delegated decisions in relation to:
 - a. the grant or removal of a small bar licence (where required),
 - b. a packaged liquor licence (limited to telephone/internet sales),
 - c. 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.
- (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) Local and Broader Community - for the purposes of this decision, the delegate is satisfied that the relevant "Local Community" is the community within the suburb of Wollongong 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

- (1) Having reviewed all of the material, I am satisfied that this application for an online packaged liquor licence is unlikely to result in any significant increase in alcohol-related harms in the local community. 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.
- (2) The proposed licensed premises comprises of a home office, at which online orders will be received and processed. Alcohol will not be stored at the proposed licenced premises and customers will not be able to attend the licensed premises.
- (3) A submission was received from Wollongong City Council confirming that development consent is not required as the premises is a "home occupation" and therefore categorised as "exempt development". Council does not object to the proposal, however has requested the imposition of a number of conditions based on the residential nature of the locality. The applicant consented to all of the

conditions recommended, however not all of the conditions sought by Council have been imposed.

- (4) A submission was received from Wollongong Local Area Command advising that NSW Police does not object to the application but requests the imposition of various conditions, all of which were consented to by the applicant.
- (5) The licence will be exercised in accordance with a detailed Plan of Management.
- (6) I am satisfied that the statutory advertising requirements have been met.

6. Overall social impact

(1) Positive benefits

The licence will be operated from a home office by internet and telephone only. Customers will not be attending the premises as sales are limited to telephone, facsimile, mail order and Internet. Liquor will be stored at a separate warehouse located in South Strathfield.

(2) Negative impacts

No objections were received to granting this application. As this is an online business, no customers will be attending the premises in order to purchase liquor. 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. The nature of the licence sought means that there are unlikely to be any amenity impacts on the Local Community.

7. Conclusion

- (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.
- (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.
- (3) Having considered the venue management plan 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.

- (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.
- (5) I am satisfied that the applicant has provided consent to imposing the conditions contained in the licence document.
- (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 the application with conditions.

Decision Date: 19 January 2017



Olgica Lenger
Manager Licensing (Business Licensing)
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>