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CLOSURE ORDERS SERVED ON SYDNEY KARAOKE BARS

The Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority has imposed closure orders on two licensed Sydney karaoke bars for serious breaches of the liquor laws and drug-related matters following applications from the NSW Police Force.

Queen KTV karaoke bar in Liverpool Road, Ashfield, has been served with a long term closure order and will be closed for six months from 9pm tonight.

It follows a Police application alleging multiple breaches of licence conditions; numerous incidents involving the detection of prohibited drugs including suspected overdoses on or near the premises; permitting intoxication of patrons (including minors); and failure to implement strategies to respond to identified risks to patrons and the community.

The Authority is satisfied the long term closure of the premises is necessary to prevent a significant risk to the public interest following the possession and/or use of suspected prohibited drugs on the premises.

This risk is compounded by a repeated failure by the premises management to ensure compliance with licence conditions including fundamental requirements not to supply alcohol outside of its licensed trading hours.

The Authority has also served a 72 hour short term closure order on the K1 Karaoke Lounge in Dixon Street, Haymarket, from 12.30pm today until 12.30pm on Monday 18 April 2016.

It follows a Police application alleging the venue has traded outside its authorised hours on numerous occasions and has allowed prohibited drugs including cocaine to be used on the premises.

The Authority is satisfied that serious breaches have occurred and the short term closure of the premises is warranted given the risk to the public regarding the supply of prohibited drugs and the inadequate management of the supply of alcohol.

Police have also lodged a long term closure order application in relation to this venue which will be considered separately by the Authority.