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### **REVIEW OF NEWCASTLE LIQUOR LICENCE CONDITIONS ISSUED**

The Chair of the NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority Philip Crawford today announced that having considered the Horton Report, the Authority is considering only minimal changes to the Newcastle licence conditions.

“The case for maintaining existing patron lockout restrictions in the 14 Newcastle venues, and for maintaining requirements for the sale or supply of liquor to cease 30 minutes before closing, was strong,” Mr Crawford said.

Changes being considered by the Authority include:

- No longer requiring the use of a common radio network among the 14 venues
- Plans of Management to be reviewed annually rather than quarterly

Mr Jonathan Horton QC conducted an independent review for the Authority and received over 90 written submissions from a variety of stakeholders including NSW Police, public health bodies, academics, licensed businesses, industry bodies, private individuals and special interest groups.

“We would like to express our gratitude to those members of the community who provided the written and oral submissions that informed the Horton Report,” Mr Crawford said.

“As required by the legislation, the Authority will now communicate its proposed course of action to the relevant licensees, and will give those licensees a period of 21 days to respond,” Mr Crawford said. The Authority will then proceed to make its final decision, which will be published on its website shortly thereafter.

Further information, including a copy of the Horton Report, can be found on the Liquor & Gaming NSW website:

<https://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/Pages/ilga/consultations/Newcastle-CBD-venues-review-licence-conditions.aspx>

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