



CASINO, LIQUOR AND GAMING CONTROL AUTHORITY POLICY

The daily six hour closure period for certain licensed premises under section 11A *Liquor Act 2007*

As a result of amendments to the liquor laws, a 6-hour closure period applies to all liquor licences granted from 30 October 2008 onwards, as well as existing licences that have an extended trading authorisation granted from that date.

The Authority is required to approve a 6-hour closure period for any particular licensed premises. It must approve a period that is appropriate to the particular premises and the circumstances, having regard to the objectives of the *Liquor Act 2007*.

Parliament has imposed a closure period for certain licences that commences at 4 am and concludes at 10 am each day. These are licences granted by the Local Court or licences granted between 30 October 2008 and 2 December 2008.

An application may be made to the Authority to change the 6-hour closure period (as previously determined by the Authority or as imposed by the liquor legislation) on either a temporary or permanent basis, or for different closure periods to operate on different days of the week. A \$200 application fee applies.

The Authority encourages applicants to provide reasons and relevant information in support of the closure period which is proposed. Applicants should provide an account of the current or proposed mode of operation of the licensed premises, the demonstrated or likely needs of its patrons, the interests of the local community and the opinion (if any) of local Police towards the proposal.

Applicants should also address how the proposed closure period relates to those considerations that the Authority is required to consider under section 3(2) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, which are as follows:

- (a) the need to minimise harm associated with misuse and abuse of liquor (including 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; and
- (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.

APPROVED by the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority

On 26 March 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Sidoti'.

Chris Sidoti
Chairperson