

Class 1 Local Impact Assessment

Adam's Tavern

**59-63 Richmond Road
Blacktown NSW 2148**

Licence No. LIQH400115512

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Executive Summary

Proposal

Adam's Tavern at Blacktown (Licence No LIQH400115512) is seeking to increase its gaming machine threshold by 3, from 27 to 30.

Adam's Tavern

Adam's Tavern is an existing hotel located at 59-63 Richmond Road, Blacktown NSW. The internal floor space of the hotel is approximately 491 m².

Blacktown is in the local council area of the City of Blacktown which is classified as a Band 2 by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.

Definition of Local Community

For the purpose of this application, the local community is defined to include Blacktown and the suburbs of the City of Blacktown from which the majority of the trade of the hotel is drawn.

Positive Contribution to Local Community

The applicant is able to demonstrate that the increase in the gaming machine threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community as the hotel proposes to donate \$15,000.00 to the Diocese of Blacktown CatholicCare Social Services. The donation will benefit residents of the Local Community who are in need, especially those affected by gambling.

Responsible Gambling Measures

The venue operates its gambling activities in a responsible manner. These will continue to operate if this application is granted.

Proposal in Detail

Adam's Tavern (Licence No LIQH400115512)

Adam's Tavern is seeking to increase its gaming machine threshold by 3, from the existing 27 to 30. This Class 1 LIA is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Application for a gaming machine threshold increase.

Adam's Tavern is an existing hotel located at 59-63 Richmond Road, Blacktown NSW in the local council area of the City of Blacktown. This local council area is classified as a Band 2 by the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.

The internal floor space of the hotel is 491 m².

The hotel offers a wide range of facilities for patrons including a bistro, a beer garden for families, pool tables, TAB, bottle shop and gaming machines. The operation of gaming machines at the hotel does not detract unduly from the character of the hotel or from the enjoyment of persons using the hotel otherwise than for the purposes of gambling.

The licensee is a member of the Blacktown Liquor Accord.

Definition of Local Community

For the purpose of this application, the local community is defined to include Blacktown and the 50 suburbs in the City of Blacktown local government area from which the majority of the trade of the hotel is drawn.

Positive Contribution to Local Community

The Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing advised that CatholicCare Social Services serviced the Local Community and was a recipient of funds from the Responsible Gambling Fund.

The Diocese of Blacktown CatholicCare Social Services provides the following services:

- family and couple counselling especially for those affected by problem gambling
- problem gambling awareness and management of their own gambling behaviour
- provision of information to partners of problem gamblers on how to keep their money and assets safe from their partner's addiction
- financial counselling and support, focusing on debts accrued due to problem gambling

A letter from The Diocese of Blacktown CatholicCare Social Services dated 10 August 2016, in support on this application, is attached.

Adam's Tavern proposes to contribute \$15,000.00 to The Diocese of Blacktown CatholicCare Social Services which has indicated that the funds would be used to provide problem gambling counselling and education as well as financial counselling for the residents in the Blacktown and neighbouring areas.

This donation to The Diocese of Blacktown CatholicCare Social Services will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community as this organisation provides assistance and support to people in need including those with gambling problems.

Responsible Gambling Measures

The venue operates gambling activities in a responsible manner. These will continue to operate if this application is granted, The responsible gambling measures undertaken by the hotel include:

- the gaming machines in the hotel do not operate for the purposes of gambling between the approved shut down hours
- compliance with the prohibited publication of gaming machine advertising and signage requirements
- the gaming machines are not located in a manner that is designed to attract the attention of members of the public who are outside the hotel
- problem gambling counselling services are available
- the refusal to accept prize winning cheques
- the prohibition on the issuing of prize winning cheques unless the patron is identified in accordance with the Gaming Machines Act
- no cash dispensing facility being offered which is capable of providing cash from a credit card account
- the limitations on the cashing of cheques being adhered to
- compliance with anti money laundering requirements
- compliance with the industry codes of practice – the hotel has adopted the AHA Gamecare Self-Exclusion Programme and the AHA Gambling Code of Conduct is displayed in the gaming room
- access by patrons to a self-exclusion scheme and the availability of and information about are published in the hotel
- minors are not permitted to operate gaming machines and are not permitted in the gaming machine areas
- availability of information, in specified languages, for patrons and the display of the chances of winning a major prize from the operation of any gaming machine in the hotel

- all gambling notices and signage as prescribed by the Gaming Machine Regulations being displayed in the hotel or on each gaming machine, as relevant
- a clock in good working order operating where the gaming machines are located
- no gambling inducements are provided
- all staff associated with gaming machines have completed the responsible gambling course and a copy of each certificate is kept in a register in the hotel

Community concerns

The hotel is unaware of any specific community concerns but these will be addressed if they arise following the advertising and notification requirements associated with this application.

Conclusion:

1. The hotel has demonstrated that gambling activities in Adam's Tavern will be conducted in a responsible manner: and
2. The hotel has demonstrated that the increase in the gaming machine threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community as the hotel proposes to donate \$15,000.00 to The Diocese of Blacktown CatholicCare Social Services. This donation will benefit residents of the Local Community who are in need, especially those affected by gambling.



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