

# **Class 1 Local Impact Assessment**

## **Tiger Bar**

**9-11 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville 2220**

**Licence No. LIQ400105541**

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## **Executive Summary**

### **Proposal**

Tiger Bar (Licence No LIQ400105541) is seeking to increase its gaming machine threshold by five, from 25 to 30.

### **Tiger Bar**

Tiger Bar is an existing hotel located at 9-11 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville. The hotel is situated in the central business district of Hurstville which is 15km south-west of Sydney and is the main regional centre for southern Sydney.

Hurstville is in the local council area of the City of Hurstville which is classified as a Band 2 by Casino, Liquor & Gaming Control Authority.

The internal floor space of the hotel is 1913 m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Definition of Local Community**

For the purpose of this application, the local community is defined to include the shire of the City of Hurstville which includes the suburbs of Beverly Hills, Hurstville, Kingsgrove, Lugarno, Mortdale, Narwee, Oatley, Peakhurst, Peakhurst Heights, Penshurst, Riverwood and Roselands. It is from these suburbs that 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 by contributing \$17,500.00 to Mortdale Community Centre and \$17,500.00 to Pole Depot Community Centre

These contributions will benefit residents of the Local Community including those with alcohol or gambling problems as well as the prevention of such problems.

### **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**

### **Tiger Bar (Licence No LIQ400105541)**

The Tiger Bar is seeking to increase its gaming machine threshold by 5, from the existing 25 to 30. This Class 1 LIA is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Application for a gaming machine threshold increase.

Tiger Bar is an existing hotel located at 9-11 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville in the central business district of Hurstville and adjoins a future bus interchange to the west. Hurstville is 15km south-west of Sydney and is the main regional centre for southern Sydney. The site is adjacent to and opposite a number of existing commercial properties, including Hurstville Railway Station. The hotel is in the local council area of the City of Hurstville. This local council area is classified as a Band 2 by Casino, Liquor & Gaming Control Authority.

The hotel revolves around the Chinese restaurant and promotes an extensive food operation on two floors of the hotel. The gaming machines are located on the ground floor and the operation of gaming machines at the hotel do 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 internal floor space of the hotel is 1913 m<sup>2</sup>.

Tiger Bar has been in operation without any formal complaints regarding trading hours, noise or alcohol related antisocial behaviour. The hotel operates in accordance with an adopted security management plan which ensures that there are minimal impacts on adjoining properties. The licensee is a member of the local liquor accord.

### **Definition of Local Community**

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### **Positive Contribution to Local Community**

The Community Services Manger of Hurstville City Council indicated that there were several community service organisations in the area which would be able to make a positive contribution towards the Local Community. He suggested Mortdale Community Centre and Pole Depot Community Centre.

#### *Mortdale Community Centre*

This Centre is a non-profit community organisation which provides a variety of high quality, affordable and accessible service to people of all ages in the local community including information, referral and casework; support for older people, people with dementia, people

with disabilities and their carers; support for families; adult leisure learning classes; two out-of-school hours centres; occasional child care centre; monthly social functions for nursing home residents; volunteer programmes, weekly mental health drop-in social group and mental health arts group; and St George Domestic Violence Committee.

The Centre has envisaged that any funds received would be used to provide a much needed service for families living with and/or escaping domestic and family violence in the local community. This would include early intervention programmes about drug and alcohol issues, domestic and family violence and bullying. There would also be programmes to assist community members in supported accommodation to raise their awareness about the cycle of violence and the factors involved and provide a caseworker to provide support.

#### *Pole Depot Community Centre*

The Pole Depot Centre is located near the hotel, in the central business district of Hurstville. It offers a wide range of activities and programmes for members of the Local Community by providing help in times of need. These services are detailed in the attached letter of 22 March 2011 from Pole Depot Community Centre.

Importantly, the Centre's team work with young people to educate them on the dangers of binge drinking and its consequences. The drop in centre and street work programmes often provide a first contact point for many youth who are experiencing alcohol issues.

The Centre has indicated that the proposed funds would be used to enable it to provide a facility for young people currently congregating in the Hurstville CBD, in particular at the Westfield Shopping Centre and for those expected to congregate in the new interchange, due to open shortly. The proposed multipurpose youth facility will provide a range of services and will offer programmes, activities and youth events for large numbers of people as well as individual support. St George Division of General Practitioners will provide a drug and alcohol counsellor, psychologist, general practitioner and a nurse to provide specialist health focused services.

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The applicant is able to demonstrate that an increase in the gaming machine threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the local community as the hotel will contribute \$7,000 per machine, totalling \$35,000: \$17,500.00 is to be contributed to Mortdale Community Centre and \$17,500.00 to Pole Depot Community Centre.

#### **Responsible Gambling Measures**

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

- the gaming machines in the hotel do not operate for the purposes of gambling between 2 am and 10 am on each day of the week

- 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
- the prohibition on the offering of a promotional prize in the form of cash, a promotional prize that exceeds \$1,000 in value, on the exchange of a promotional prize for cash, or any bonus or reward points accumulated under a player reward scheme to be redeemed for cash (except where permitted by the legislation)
- 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 2001
- 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 2002 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 being 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 the Tiger Bar will be conducted in a responsible manner: and
2. By providing \$17,500.00 to the Mortdale Community Centre and \$17,500.00 to Pole Depot Community Centre for use in the Local Community, the increase in the gaming machine threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community.



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