

# **Class 1 Local Impact Assessment**

**threshold increase of 1**

## **Tiger Bar**

**Licence No. LIQH400105541**

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## **Executive Summary**

### **Proposal**

Tiger Bar (Licence No LIQH400105541) is seeking to increase its gaming machine threshold by 1, from 29 to 30. (The previous threshold increase to 30 lapsed on 28 July 2013).

### **Tiger Bar**

Tiger Bar is an existing hotel located at 9-11 Crofts Avenue, Hurstville. The internal floor space of the hotel is 580 m<sup>2</sup>.

The hotel is situated in the central business district of Hurstville which is 15 km 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 the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.

### **Definition of Local Community**

For the purpose of this application, the local community is defined to include the council 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 \$7,000.00 to the Pole Depot Community Centre

This contribution will benefit residents of the Local Community by focusing on the youth in this area including those with alcohol or gambling problems.

### **Responsible Gambling Measures**

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

## **Proposal in Detail**

### **Tiger Bar (Licence No LIQH400105541)**

A Class 1 LIA, granted on 28 July 2011, increased the Tiger Bar threshold to 30 but because of the difficulty in purchasing one permit, the quota lapsed on 28 July 2013, before Tiger Bar was able to fill the quota. Tiger Bar is now seeking to increase its gaming machine threshold by 1, from the existing 29 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 is on a bus interchange. Hurstville is 15 km 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 and close to 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 the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.

The hotel has a commercial kitchen and promotes its food operation. 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 580 m<sup>2</sup>.

Tiger Bar has traded 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 is minimal impact on adjoining properties. The licensee is a member of the local liquor accord.

### **Definition of Local Community**

For the purpose of this application, the local community is defined to include the council of the City of Hurstville which includes the suburbs of Beverley Hills, Hurstville, Kingsgrove, Lugarno, Mortdale, Narwee, Oatley, Peakhurst, Peakhurst Heights, Penshurst, Riverwood and Roselands. It is from these communities that the majority of the patrons of the hotel emanate.

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

Previously, Tiger Bar made a donation of \$17,500.00 to Pole Depot Community Centre and \$17,500.00 to Mortdale Community Centre. This equated to an amount of \$7,000.00 per machine.

The Pole Depot Centre is located in the central business district of Hurstville. It offers a range of activities and programmes for the youth of the Local Community by providing help in times of need. Importantly, the Centre's team works 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. These services are outlined in the attached letter of 29 October 2013 from Pole Depot Community Centre.

Because of the early intervention programmes currently offered by Pole Depot to youth in the Hurstville CBD, including those minors who are affected by alcohol and gambling issues, Tiger Bar wishes to make a further donation of \$7,000.00 to this organisation.

Pole Depot Centre has indicated that the proposed funds would be used to enable it to provide:

- additional training for 4 youth workers in mental health and alcohol abuse in teenagers; and
- an equipment upgrade at the Youth Drop in Facility at 143 Treacy Street, Hurstville.

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 \$7,000.00 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 4 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
- 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 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 at Tiger Bar will be conducted in a responsible manner: and
2. Tiger Bar has shown that it will provide a positive contribution towards the Local Community as it will donate \$7,000.00 to the Pole Depot Community Centre for use in the Local Community.



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Licensee

31 October 2013

29 October 2013

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Dear Ms Frost

**Youth Service for St George (YouthZone)**

Further to our telephone discussion on 28 October 2013, we would be pleased to receive support for our Youth Service.

Our Youth Service is funded by Department of Human Services (Community Services), as an Early Intervention and Placement (EIPP) Program. The EIPP Program provides appropriately targeted child, youth and family support services to reduce the likelihood of children and young people entering or remaining in the child protection and out-of-home care systems. We provide advice and referral, case planning, case work, counselling and skills focused training for over 1000 youth per year.

Our various programs include street work across the St George Region, schools based workshops (Jump Start), 'Girlsplace' (body image and confidence building), Home work help and Career Start. Our Youth Workers interact with teenagers consuming alcohol (binge drinking) well as, children at risk of gambling. We have identified the following priorities for consideration:

1. Mental health and alcohol related training for youth workers

We need support to provide our 4 youth workers with additional training in mental health and alcohol abuse in teenagers. Training will improve our ability to provide early intervention programs to youth. Training to the value of **\$4,000** is proposed.

2. Equipment upgrades for our Youth Drop in Centre

We operate a Youth Drop in Facility at 143 Treacy Street, Hurstville. This drop in facility acts as a soft referral point for youth and is a vital component to our intervention programs. The facility is in need of equipment upgrades including furniture, televisions and entertainment equipment. We deliver many of our youth workshops at this facility and new equipment will help keep the facility relevant to youth in the area. The cost of equipment is between **\$3,000 to \$3,500**.

Yours faithfully



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