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10 YEAR BAN AND \$50,000 PENALTY FOR FORMER MANAGER OF KARAOKE BAR

The former manager of Replay Karaoke at Bankstown has been banned from running licensed venues for 10 years and must pay almost \$50,000 in fines and costs for breaches including selling full bottles of spirits and operating outside approved trading hours.

The Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority's ruling against David Trinh includes some of the heaviest sanctions imposed for liquor licence breaches in recent years.

It follows an investigation by Liquor & Gaming NSW which resulted in Replay Karaoke being shut down for 48 hours in May 2017.

Undercover inspectors attended the venue on 28 April 2017 and observed a blatant disregard for responsible service of alcohol obligations with patrons drinking directly from full bottles of spirits and shots being served contrary to licence conditions.

A severely intoxicated female patron was seen unable to stand without assistance, vomiting into a bucket provided by venue staff.

Inspectors were also able to buy a full bottle of whiskey, consume alcohol outside of approved areas and buy two beers after 12am, outside the venue's approved trading hours.

Liquor & Gaming NSW staff sought to secure the venue's CCTV and alcohol sales data, but Mr Trinh refused to comply.

ILGA has ordered Mr Trinh to pay a \$10,000 fine and more than \$14,500 in investigation costs. Koi Corp Pty Limited, of which he was sole director, was ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine.

Liquor & Gaming NSW director of compliance operations, Sean Goodchild, said the penalty reflects the serious nature of Mr Trinh's offending.

"As this case shows, venue managers who blatantly flout their licence conditions and put at risk the safety of patrons can expect to face serious consequences," he said. "Licensees of karaoke bars, which are considered high risk venues, should understand they do not operate outside of NSW liquor laws."

See [here](#) for ILGA's full judgment.

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