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NEWCASTLE HOTELIER CONVICTED FOR SECURITY BREACH

The former licensee of the Sydney Junction Hotel at Hamilton has been convicted and fined \$1,500 for breaching a special licence condition to provide late-night security patrols.

Ross Boland pleaded guilty to the offence in Newcastle Local Court on Monday 4 June following an investigation by Liquor & Gaming NSW.

In sentencing, Magistrate David Price said there should be a clear and consistent message sent that liquor licence conditions are fundamentally important and must be complied with.

The Sydney Junction Hotel has a range of conditions imposed on its licence aimed at reducing the risk of alcohol-related violence and neighbourhood disturbance.

This includes a requirement to have two security officers patrol outside the venue from 11pm on Friday and Saturday nights.

During a compliance operation on 30 September last year, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspectors found this condition was not being met.

Liquor & Gaming NSW director of compliance operations Sean Goodchild said the case highlights the need for venues with poor safety records to maintain strict compliance with licence conditions.

“Venues that fail to provide a safe environment for patrons by breaching licence conditions can expect to face serious consequences including prosecution action and increased monitoring by Liquor & Gaming NSW,” he said.

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