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Att: Deputy Secretary – Division of Liquor, Gaming and Racing
Liquor Regulation 2018 Regulatory Impact Statement / Liquor Promotion Guidelines
Liquor & Gaming NSW
GPO Box 7060
SYDNEY NSW 2001

RE: PROPOSED LIQUOR REGULATION 2018 - INNER WEST MICRO-BREWERY APPLICATIONS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the public exhibition of the proposed changes to the Liquor Regulation 2018.

Council continues to support and work with the microbrewery industry to encourage its development in the Inner West.

Council has reviewed the Regulatory Impact Statement and the proposed new provisions for the Innerwest and has the following comments.

RESTRICTION ON LICENSEE'S PRODUCT

Council supports the proposed special condition which requires that to be eligible for a drink-on premises authorisation under section 50 of the Act, only the licensee's product can be sold for consumption on premises.

Council's support for the 12 month trial is conditional upon the inclusion of this requirement due to industrial land provision impacts and there is an expectation that operators found to be operating not in accordance with this condition will be the subject of enforcement by Liquor and Gaming and have their authorisation under section 50 revoked if necessary.

NUMBER OF PATRONS

Council supports the condition that the number of patrons on the premises does not exceed 100.

Council will continue to expect that operators will comply with site specific conditions of development consent allowing retail sale of alcoholic beverages on industrial zoned land.



FOOD PROVISION

Previous communications with Liquor and Gaming have detailed that the preparation and service of food on brewery sites with industrial zoning is not permitted by the objectives of that zone or the land use requirements.

Council will continue to expect that operators will comply with site specific conditions of development consent relating to prohibition of food preparation and service on industrial zoned land.

12 MONTH TRIAL PERIOD

Council supports the 12 month trial period, providing an opportunity to assess the potential benefits and impacts not only on the microbrewery sector but the wider hospitality industry.

Ongoing monitoring by Liquor and Gaming during the trial period is recommended.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING'S 'ARTISAN PREMISES' LAND USE DEFINITION

Recently the Department of Planning and Environment exhibited a new land use term, 'artisan premises', in an attempt to provide clarity for the craft food and drink industry, including breweries.

Council has requested that significant revisions to the current draft definition need to take place to ensure the viability and integrity of local industrial lands is not negatively affected or the land lost to other uses. Council is involved in ongoing discussions with the Department regarding this matter.

Should you wish to further discuss this submission please contact Steve Roseland, Senior Strategic Planner on 9392 5279 or email steve.roseland@innerwest.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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