

LICENCE DETAILS

Application No.	APP-0012817122
Application type	On-premises liquor licence for accommodation and catering service
Trading hours	<i>Catering service hours</i> Monday 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM <i>Accommodation hours</i> Monday 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM <i>Mini Bar hours</i> Monday to Sunday 05:00 AM to 05:00 AM
Applicant	Little National Hotel Newcastle Pty Ltd
Licence name	Little National Hotel Newcastle
Premises address	42 HONEYSUCKLE DRIVE, NEWCASTLE NSW 2527 AUSTRALIA
Matter	Whether a delegated Liquor & Gaming employee on behalf of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) should grant or refuse an application for an on-premises liquor licence for catering service.
Legislation	Section 45(1) of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>
Decision details	Under delegation issued by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority under section 13 of the <i>Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007</i> , a designated Public Service employee or other Public Service employee of Liquor & Gaming NSW, Department of Enterprise Investment and Trade, has decided to grant the application for an on-premises liquor licence, subject to conditions set out at Schedule 1 imposed on the licence.
Decision date	30/04/2024
Delegate details	



STATEMENT OF REASONS

ANALYSIS OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Development approval is in place for the use of the premises as a hotel. Council advised that they have no objection to the liquor licence.
2. Submissions were received and considered as summarised in **Submission analysis** below. In relation to the submissions received, while there were concerns raised about the potential impact of granting the licence, I am satisfied that these can be addressed by the conditions which I have imposed on the licence.
3. I am satisfied that the applicant has been provided with an opportunity to consider and comment upon the conditions imposed in the licence document.
4. I am satisfied that the statutory advertising requirements have been met.

MATERIALS CONSIDERED BY THE ILGA DELEGATE

Information considered

1. Application form received: 22 February 2024
2. Plan of proposed licensed area: Compliant
3. Certificate of advertising: Compliant
4. Plan of management
5. Documents
 - a) National Police Certificate: N/A
 - b) ID: N/A
 - c) RSA competency card: Compliant
6. Approved Manager: Compliant
7. Licensee training: Compliant
8. Development consent: Compliant – Mixed-use commercial development
9. Correspondence between Liquor & Gaming NSW and the applicant
10. Correspondence from Police- Not received
11. Correspondence from Council- Received
12. Applicant's response to submissions - Received
13. Applicant's consent to conditions - Received

Analysis of stakeholder submissions

1. NSW Police:
Not received
2. Local consent authority:
Council submission received. Council initially objected to the application on the ground of the patron capacity and the operating hours, however they since had no objections provided that the conditions in the SSD-10378 are complied with. . .
3. Public:
Provided. There has been one public objection to the application on the basis that the venue will increase on-street parking demand, increase of foot and patron traffic and

that the venue will detract from the existing safe, family-friendly environment of the neighbourhood. The venue will provide accommodation for residential patrons and will host the occasional corporate/private function. It will not be open to the general public. Development approval is in place for the proposed use.

OVERALL SOCIAL IMPACT

1. Positive benefits

The venue is an accommodation hotel with a catering licence which will cater for various functions, occasions and events. It is expected that the majority of such events will be corporate events associated with the commercial component of the development but may from time to time include other private functions such as birthday parties and other special occasions and private events.

2. Mitigation of potential negative impacts

I am satisfied that the granting of the liquor licence, with the conditions imposed, will ensure that the lawful operation of the premises will not be detrimental to the local or broader community.

CONCLUSION

1. I am satisfied that procedural fairness was afforded to the applicant and interested parties regarding the decision whether to grant the application. All of those required to be notified of the application were provided with the opportunity to make written submissions and all submissions received were considered and helped inform this decision. The decision was made by the delegate having reviewed the application statement, business model and risk analysis, stakeholder submissions and other relevant material.
2. In accordance with section 45(3)(a) of the Act I am satisfied that the proposed licensee is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates. This determination may be informed by submissions from the NSWPF, submissions from L&GNSW Compliance about an applicant's compliance history, the results of National Criminal Record History Checks (as contained in National Police Certificates), and internet checks conducted by the assessor making the determination.
3. Having considered the venue management plan and related material, under section 45(3)(b) of the Act, I am satisfied that practices will be in place at the premises as soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that all reasonable steps will be taken to prevent intoxication on the premises, and that those practices will remain in place.
4. Consistent with section 45(3)(c) of the Act requiring development consent from the local council, I am satisfied that the required development consent or approval is in force.
5. In making this decision under delegation from the Authority, all statutory objects and considerations prescribed by section 3 of the Act were considered. Accordingly, I have determined to grant the liquor licence application with conditions as set out at Schedule 1.

RELEVANT EXTRACTS FROM THE LIQUOR ACT 2007

Legislative framework, statutory objects and considerations

In determining the application, the delegate has considered relevant provisions of the Act, including the objects and considerations that are prescribed by section 3, which state:

1. The objects of this Act are as follows:

- a) to regulate and control the sale, supply and consumption of liquor in a way that is consistent with the expectations, needs and aspirations of the community,
 - b) to facilitate the balanced development, in the public interest, of the liquor industry, through a flexible and practical regulatory system with minimal formality and technicality,
 - c) to contribute to the responsible development of related industries such as the live music, entertainment, tourism and hospitality industries.
2. In order to secure the objects of this Act, each person who exercises functions under this Act (including a licensee) is required to have due regard to the following:
- a) the need to minimise harm associated with misuse and abuse of liquor (including the harm arising from violence and other anti-social behaviour),
 - b) the need to encourage responsible attitudes and practices towards the promotion, sale, supply, service and consumption of liquor,
 - c) the need to ensure that the sale, supply and consumption of liquor contributes to, and does not detract from, the amenity of community life,
 - d) the need to support employment and other opportunities in the:
 - i. live music industry, and
 - ii. arts, tourism, community and cultural sectors.

Statutory tests

1. In determining an application for a licence, under section 45(3) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must also be satisfied that:
- a) the applicant is a fit and proper person to carry on the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates,
 - b) practices will be in place as soon as the licence is granted that ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that liquor is sold, supplied or served responsibly on the premises and that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent intoxication on the premises and that those practices will remain in place, and
 - c) if development consent is required under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (or approval under Part 4 Division 4.1 or Part 5.1 of that Act is required), to use the premises for the purposes of the business or activity to which the proposed licence relates – that development consent or approval is in force.
 - d) the proposed approved manager/licensee has completed the relevant tiered industry training as per legislative requirements.

Community impact test

Under section 48(5) of the *Liquor Act 2007*, the delegate must not grant a licence, authorisation or approval of a kind prescribed by section 48(2) of the Act unless the Authority is satisfied, having regards to the Community Impact Statement, where required, and any other matter the delegate is made aware of during the application process, that the overall impact of the licence, authorisation or approval in question being granted will not be detrimental to the local or broader community.

The test applying under section 48(5) relates to delegated decisions in relation to:

- a) the grant or removal of a small bar licence (where required),
- b) a packaged liquor licence (limited to telephone/internet sales),
- c) an application for extended trading hours to permit the sale of liquor after midnight in relation to a small bar (where required), an on-premises relating to a restaurant that includes an application for a primary service authorisation, an on-premises licence relating to a karaoke bar, a catering service or a vessel, and an

application for a producer/wholesaler licence that includes an application for a drink on premises authorisation.

The Community Impact Statement provides the Authority with information about the views of relevant stakeholders and other aspects of the local community in which the proposed licensed premises is to be located. This includes, for example, the proximity of the licensed premises to hospitals or health facilities, nursing homes, schools and places of worship.

Important Information

In accordance with Clause 5 of the Gaming and Liquor Administration Regulation 2016, this decision is reviewable by ILGA.

The licence applicant and persons who were required to be notified of the application and who made a submission can apply for an application for review. An application for a review must be lodged with ILGA within 28 days of the date of the publication of this decision. An application fee applies. In the case of the applicant, the fee payable is the fee applying to the original application. In all other cases, the fee is \$100.

Applications for review of ILGA delegated decisions, can be made via the [Liquor and Gaming Application Noticeboard](#). The Review Application form can be accessed online via the *make a submission* button.

Further information can be obtained from the [Reviews of liquor and gaming decisions](#) page on the Liquor & Gaming website.

SCHEDULE 1

Conditions considered by the ILGA delegate

All requests to impose conditions on the licence are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and a merit-based assessment is conducted.

In considering whether a proposed condition has merit, delegates consider:

- a) whether the need for the condition has been adequately established,
- b) whether the benefits of imposing the condition are likely to outweigh the costs, and
- c) whether the proposed condition is proportionate to the potential harm identified.

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Licence condition to be imposed	Licence condition details
Restricted trading & NYE (airport, catering - std)	<p>Consumption on premises</p> <p>Good Friday Normal trading</p> <p>Christmas Day Normal trading</p> <p>December 31st Normal opening time until normal closing time or 2:00 AM on New Year's Day, whichever is the later.</p>
Retail closure period	<p>Section 11A of the Liquor Act 2007 applies to this licence. Liquor must not be sold by retail on the licensed premises for a continuous period of 6 hours between 04:00 AM and 10:00 AM during each consecutive period of 24 hours. The licensee must comply with this 6-hour closure period along with any other limits specified in the trading hours for this licence.</p>
Accommodation condition 2050	<p>This licence authorises the sale of liquor for consumption on the licenced premises only – at any time on any day to a resident (or a guest of a resident while in the resident's company) or to an employee of the licensee. Liquor must not be sold to a guest of a resident or to an employee of the licensee for consumption on the licensed premises, or to a resident for takeaway from the premises, between the hours of 4:00AM and 10:00AM. Liquor sold to a resident between the hours of 4:00AM and 10:00AM must only be sold or supplied for consumption in the room in which the resident is residing or staying.</p>
Plan of management condition	<p>The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated 20 March 2024 as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the Plan of Management is to be kept on the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, council officer, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.</p>

Proposed condition not imposed on the licence	Proposed by	Reason code (see 'List of reasons and codes for not imposing requested conditions' below this table)
n/a		

List of reasons and codes for not imposing requested conditions

- A** Already covered by the *Liquor Act 2007*.
- B** Already a condition in the development consent.
- C** Not a relevant condition for this licence type. Condition sought is generally only imposed on high-risk licence type or in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances have not been proposed by the person putting forward the condition.
- D** Already covered in the plan of management. Plan of management condition has been imposed.
- E** Not aligned with the business type and would impose disproportionate unnecessary financial and operational burden.
- F** Being part of a liquor accord is on a voluntary basis only. Exceptional circumstances have not been proposed by the person putting forward the condition.
- G** ILGA/L&GNSW condition wording has been imposed.