

# NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF25/018633

Mr Ryan Matin

20 March 2025

Dear Mr Matin

Application No.	APP-0012577033
Applicant	Ryan Matin
Application for	New packaged liquor licence
Application date	24 August 2024
Decision date	19 February 2025
Proposed licence name	Liquor Riverina
Proposed trading hours	Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM – 08:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM – 06:00 PM
Proposed premises	10/82 Murray Street Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 30, 31, 40, 44, 45, 48, 53 and 123 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

## Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority Application for a new packaged liquor licence – Liquor Riverina

We **approve** the application above under section 45 of the *Liquor Act 2007* (the Act) — with the conditions set out in Schedule 1. The 6-hour closure period overrides any condition of the licence.

### Mixed-use checkouts must be closed outside licensed hours

Under section 103(2) of the Act, any counter or place used to sell or supply liquor under the licence, including any mixed-use checkouts in the liquor sales area, must be closed to the public outside the licensed trading hours.

### Statement of reasons

We are satisfied that the overall impact of approving the application will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.

## **Our main findings**

The local community for the purposes of this decision is Wagga Wagga. The broader community is the Local Government Area (LGA) of Wagga Wagga.

### *Positive social impacts*

The applicant seeks a packaged liquor licence to be located within a supermarket, with a dedicated liquor sales area.

We are satisfied that the proposal would benefit the local and broader communities by providing increased convenience and choice.

### *Negative social impacts*

We accept that the proposal could contribute to an increase in alcohol-related harm in the local and broader communities because of the:

- extremely high crime rates in the suburb and LGA compared to NSW for all categories we considered
- proposed premises being located on the edge of a high-density hotspot for domestic violence
- incident rate of alcohol attributed death being higher in the LGA compared to NSW
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in the suburb and LGA being higher than the NSW average, which has been identified in research as a probable risk factor.

However, we are satisfied that these risk factors are reduced by the:

- relatively small liquor sales area with reduced trading hours
- proposed premises not being located in high-density hotspots for non-domestic violence and malicious damage to property
- incident rate of alcohol attributed hospitalisation being lower in the LGA compared to NSW
- harm-minimisation measures outlined in the plan of management and licence conditions, as set out in Schedule 1.

## **The material we considered**

We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the application material — including evidence that stakeholders and the community were notified about the application
- a Statement of Risks and Potential Effects
- the plan of the licensed premises and any authorisations
- a plan of management for the licensed business
- a development consent for the premises
- statistics from Liquor & Gaming NSW, Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research, NSW Health and Australian Bureau of Statistics on the socio-economic status, liquor licence density, alcohol-related crimes rates and health issues in the local and broader communities
- stakeholder submissions and the applicant's response to them.

We also considered [Guideline 6](#) to assess the likely social impact to the local and broader community.

This decision will be published in accordance with section 36C of the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007*.

**Opportunity for review**

The applicant and anyone who was notified of the application and made a submission, may apply to NCAT for a review of the decision.

An application for review must be made no later 28 days after the decision is published on the website. There is a fee to lodge the application.

For more information, please contact the NCAT Registry at Level 10 John Maddison Tower, 86-90 Goulburn Street Sydney or visit the NCAT website.

**If you have any questions**

Please contact Liquor & Gaming NSW at: [new.applications@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au](mailto:new.applications@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Lamb

**Chairperson**

**Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority**

## Schedule 1: Licence conditions to be imposed – Liquor Riverina

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
1.	6-hour closure	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 six (6) hours between <b>04:00 AM and 10:00 AM</b> 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.
2.	Restricted trading & NYE	<b>Good Friday:</b> Not permitted <b>December 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday <b>Christmas Day:</b> Not permitted <b>December 31<sup>st</sup>:</b> Normal trading Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday
3.	Overall impact	The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater level of overall impact on the well-being of the local and broader community than what could reasonably be expected from the information contained in the application and other information submitted in the process of obtaining the licence.
4.	Liquor Accord	The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
5.	Liquor plan of management	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated <b>23 January 2025</b> 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 and Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.
6.	CCTV	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system at the supermarket/specialty store in accordance with the following requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the supermarket/specialty store is required to close,</li> <li>recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second,</li> <li>any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image,</li> <li>the system's cameras must cover the following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all entry and exit points to the supermarket/specialty store, and</li> <li>all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the liquor sales area.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>The licensee must also: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days,</li> <li>ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to sub-clause 1(a), by at least one person able to access and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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		<p>fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and</p> <p>c. provide any recordings made by the system to a police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector within 24 hours of any request by the police officer or Liquor and Gaming NSW inspector to provide such recordings.</p>
7.	Crime Scene Preservation	<p>Immediately after the person in charge of the licensed premises or a staff member becomes aware of any incident involving an act of violence causing injury to a person on the premises, the person in charge of the licensed premises and/or staff member must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. take all practical steps to preserve and keep intact the area where the act of violence occurred,</li> <li>2. retain all material and implements associated with the act of violence in accordance with the crime scene preservation guidelines issued by NSW Police, as published from time to time on the Liquor and Gaming NSW website,</li> <li>3. make direct and personal contact with NSW Police to advise it of the incident, and</li> <li>4. comply with any directions given by NSW Police to preserve or keep intact the area where the violence occurred.</li> </ol> <p>In this condition, 'staff member' means any person employed by, or acting on behalf of, the licensee of the premises, and includes any person who is employed to carry on security activities (e.g. crowd controller or bouncer) on or about the premises.</p>
8.	Incident Register	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The licensee must maintain a register, in which the licensee is to record the details of any of the following incidents and any action taken in response to any such incident: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. any incident involving violence or anti-social behaviour occurring on the premises,</li> <li>b. any incident of which the licensee is aware that involves violence or anti-social behaviour occurring in the immediate vicinity of the premises and that involves a person who has recently left, or been refused admission to, the premises,</li> <li>c. any incident that results in a person being turned out of the premises under section 77 of the Liquor Act 2007,</li> <li>d. any incident that results in a patron of the premises requiring medical assistance.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The licensee must, if requested to do so by a police officer or Liquor &amp; Gaming NSW inspector: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. make any such incident register immediately available for inspection by a police officer or Liquor &amp; Gaming NSW inspector, and</li> <li>b. allow a police officer or Liquor &amp; Gaming NSW inspector to take copies of the register or to remove the register from the premises.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The licensee must ensure that the information recorded in the incident register under this condition is retained for at least 3 years from when the record was made.</li> </ol>