

NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF25/030553

Mr Glenn Cook

15 May 2025

Dear Mr Cook

Application No.	1-9408788122
Applicant	Macquarie Club (Dubbo) Ltd
Application for	Gaming Machine Threshold increase with a Class 1 Local Impact Assessment
Application date	2 December 2024
Decision date	16 April 2025
Licence name	Macquarie Club (Dubbo) Ltd
Licence number	LIQC300237141
Trading hours	Monday to Sunday 05:00 AM – 05:00 AM (unrestricted)
Gaming machine shutdown hours	Monday to Sunday 04:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Premises	313 Macquarie Street Dubbo NSW 2830
Legislation	Sections 3, 34, 35 and 36 of the <i>Gaming Machines Act 2001</i> Section 53 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i> Clauses 33 and 40 of the <i>Gaming Machines Regulation 2019</i>

Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Application for a Gaming Machine Threshold increase with a Class 1 Local Impact Assessment – Macquarie Club (Dubbo) Ltd

We **approve** the Class 1 Local Impact Assessment (**LIA**) under section 36 of the Gaming Machines Act 2001 (**the Act**) and **approve** the application for a gaming machine threshold (**GMT**) increase under section 34 of the Act — with the imposition of additional conditions under Section 53 of the *Liquor Act 2007* as set out in Schedule 1.

Statement of reasons

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We are satisfied that:

- both the threshold increase application and the LIA comply with the requirements of Part 4 Division 1 of the Act and its associated Regulations;
- the LIA has demonstrated that gambling activities in the relevant venue are likely to be conducted in a responsible manner;
- the proposed increase in the GMT for the Macquarie Club will provide a positive contribution towards the local community
- the LIA has adequately addressed any community concerns arising out of the legislated consultation process.

We note that we refused a GMT increase application by the venue on 17 July 2024, however the applicant was now seeking a smaller GMT increase; had provided more information to support its reasons for the requested increase; and has since taken actions to improve its harm minimisation measures.

Our main findings

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

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

- venue being located in a Band 2 SA2 area with a close proximity to vulnerable residents of an adjacent aged care facility
- high gaming intensity at the venue with the average profit per gaming machine at the venue being higher than in the LGA, and more than double that of comparable venues in the LGA
- location factors indicating higher rates of single people, ATSI and people with lower education levels in the SA2 area, which have been identified in research as groups with increased vulnerability to gaming related harm
- gambling prevalence within the Western NSW local health district (LHD) being above average
- gambling participation rates in the LHD being higher than state average.

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

- proposal involving a low range GMT increase of 4
- fact that the venue does not trade post-midnight (noting that the liquor licence includes an OETC condition stipulating that liquor may be sold or supplied between midnight and 5AM on no more than 12 occasions within any 12-month period)
- average profit per gaming machine at the venue being lower than the SA2 average (notwithstanding the high gaming intensity in the LGA)
- condition prohibiting operation of gaming machines after midnight on any day of the week
- the harm-minimisation measures outlined in the Gaming plan of management and the imposition of an additional licence conditions, as set out in Schedule 1.

The material we considered

We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the application material
- liquor licence document dated 11 March 2025
- LIA dated 28 November 2024

- a gaming plan of management for the licensed business
- venue maps and images
- data provided by L&GNSW pertaining to:
 - location factors for populations at increased risk of experiencing gambling problems and gambling harm for the LGA and SA2 where the venue is located
 - gaming profits at the venue
 - gaming participation and prevalence in the local health district (LHD) compared to NSW
- stakeholder submissions and the applicant's response to them.

We also considered [Guideline 11](#) regarding Class 1 Local Impact Assessment process guidelines.

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 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Lamb

Chairperson

Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Schedule 1: Licence conditions to be imposed - Macquarie Club (Dubbo) Ltd

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
1.	Positive Contribution	The venue is to make a financial contribution of \$134,083 to the Responsible Gambling Fund over the next five years in five equal instalments of \$26,816.60, commencing within 28 days of the approval and then annually thereafter.
2.	CCTV	<p>1) The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the premises in accordance with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close (or, in the case of a premises that is not required to cease trading, continuously at all times), b. recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second, c. any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image, d. the system's cameras must cover the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. all entry and exit points on the premises, ii. the footpath immediately adjacent to the premises, and iii. all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises. <p>2) The licensee must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days, b. ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to clause 1(a), by at least one person able to access and fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and 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.