

# NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF25/030571

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Dear Mr Cusack

Application No.	APP-0014253623
Applicant	SAUVY ENTERPRISES PTY LTD
Application for	New packaged liquor licence
Application date	10 January 2025
Decision date	16 April 2025
Proposed licence name	Star Liquor South Nowra
Proposed trading hours	Monday to Sunday 10:00 AM – 08:00 PM
Proposed premises	258 Princes Highway South Nowra NSW 2541
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 31, 40, 44, 45, 48, 53, 114 and 123 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

## Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

### Application for a new packaged liquor licence – Star Liquor South Nowra

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

#### Approved manager or individual licensee

The licence cannot be exercised until the Authority or Liquor & Gaming NSW is notified that:

- the licence is transferred to an individual licensee, or an approved manager is appointed; and
- the licensee or approved manager is a suitable and qualified person.

#### Statement of reasons

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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 South Nowra. The broader community is the Local Government Area (LGA) of Shoalhaven.

#### *Positive social impacts*

The applicant seeks to operate a standalone packaged liquor licence with reduced trading hours.

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

#### *Negative social impacts*

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

- high-density crime hotspot for domestic assault and malicious damage to property within the suburb
- medium-density hotspot for non-domestic assault and a low-density hotspot for alcohol related assault within the suburb
- crime rates for alcohol-related domestic assault in the suburb being higher than in NSW
- crime rates for alcohol-related domestic and non-domestic assault as well as for malicious damage to property being higher in the LGA than in NSW
- saturation rate of packaged liquor licences in the LGA being higher than in NSW
- alcohol-attributed deaths in the LGA being higher than in 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:

- crime density hotspots being concentrated at the northern boundary of the suburb, near the border with Nowra, while the venue is situated at the southern end of the suburb, furthest from these crime hotspots
- crime rates for alcohol-related non-domestic assault and alcohol-related disorderly conduct in the suburb being lower than in NSW
- crime rates for alcohol-related disorderly conduct in the LGA being lower than in NSW
- 5-year crime statistics outline alcohol-related domestic assault in the suburb is either aligned or lower for three out of the last five years when compared to NSW
- proposed premises being the only packaged liquor licence within the suburb
- alcohol-attributed hospitalisations in the LGA being lower than in NSW
- reduced trading hours with closure at 08:00 PM each evening
- 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 - Star Liquor South Nowra

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	<p>Good Friday      Not permitted</p> <p>December 24th    Normal trading Monday to Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday</p> <p>Christmas Day    Not permitted</p> <p>December 31st    Normal trading Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday</p>
3.	Overall impact	The business authorised by this licence must not operate with a greater overall 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>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	<p>1. The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the licensed premises ("the premises") in accordance with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close,</li> <li>b. recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second,</li> <li>c. any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image,</li> <li>d. the system's cameras must cover the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. all entry and exit points on the premises, and</li> <li>ii. all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2. The licensee must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days,</li> <li>b. 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 fully operate the system, including downloading and producing recordings of CCTV footage, and</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>