NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF25/030570

Mr Lachlan Phillip Carter

28 August 2025

Dear Mr Carter

Application No.	APP-0013833414
Applicant	George Aronis
Application for	New packaged liquor licence
Application date	10 October 2024
Decision date	16 July 2025
Proposed licence name	Kanga Drinks
Proposed trading hours	Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Proposed premises	31 Dalton Avenue Condell Park NSW 2200
Legislation	Sections 3, 40, 44, 45 and 48 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

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

We first considered this application at the meeting of 16 April 2025 and, following the provision and consideration of further submissions, decided on 18 July 2025 to **refuse** the application under section 48(3) of the *Liquor Act 2007* (the Act).

Statement of reasons

The Authority considered submissions and reports from stakeholders such as the NSW Police and Liquor & Gaming NSW in respect of a party interested in the business (interested party). The Authority also considered submissions from the interested party in response to stakeholder reports.

As a result of the content of the reports and submissions the Authority could not be satisfied that the overall impact of the licence the subject of the relevant application would not be detrimental to the wellbeing of the local or broader community.

Our main findings

The applicant is seeking to operate a delivery only packaged liquor licence limited to remote sales processed from an address in Condell Park. The applicant is the proposed licensee of the licence being sought. The interested party is the business owner and premises owner of the address the business is intended to be operated out of. Submissions from the interested party make it clear that they would be actively involved in the business if the licence was to be granted.

The local community for the purposes of this decision is suburb of Condell Park. The broader community is the Local Government Area (LGA) of Canterbury - Bankstown.

We considered information in respect of the interested party which detailed the criminal history of the interested party from 2014 to 2021.

We also considered objections from:

- NSW Police in relation to the criminal history of the interested party and circumstances
 of the offending.
- two submissions from the public who raised concerns about the location of the proposed premises being a residential area and not zoned for commercial use. It was further raised that this may attract unknown individuals to the residential street.

We also considered submissions made by the interested party:

- acknowledging their criminal history and noting they have worked hard to rebuild their life.
- noting their remorse and their commitment to building a successful business which will serve the community
- asserting that they do not have any current ties or associations with individuals involved in crime
- noting that the past criminal activity from the interested party did not occur at the proposed premises
- the intended purpose of the licence is to facilitate the delivery of alcohol to customers and at no point will any customers be attending the address
- the function of the licence is to accept orders from customers, online only, meaning that orders can only be placed with the business via email, website, facsimile or phone.

Having considered all of the above, we gave significant weight to the concerns raised by the NSW Police and the criminal history of the interested party. We note that the interested party is remorseful and asserts that they are committed to growing their business. However, on balance we cannot be satisfied that the granting of the licence will not be detrimental to the wellbeing of the local or broader community.

The material we considered

We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the application material including the statement of risks and potential effects and evidence that stakeholders and the community were notified about the application
- the legislation
- stakeholder submissions and the applicant's and interested party's response to them.

We also considered $\underline{\text{Guideline 6}}$ to assess the overall 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 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Chairperson

Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority