# NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF25/055387

Ms Alice Massaria

8 September 2025

Dear Ms Massaria

Application No.	APP-0014692717
Applicant	GRUPPO ANDROMEDA PTY LTD
Application for	New packaged liquor licence
Application date	10 April 2025
Decision date	20 August 2025
Proposed licence name	Bottega 1900
Proposed trading hours	Monday to Sunday 10:00 AM – 07:00 PM
Proposed premises	Unit 1 537 Pittwater Road
	Brookvale NSW 2100
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 30, 40, 44, 45, 48, 53, 114 and 123 of the Liquor Act 2007

# Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority Application for a new packaged liquor licence – Bottega 1900

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 be consistent with the objects of the Act and will contribute to, not detract from, the amenity of community life.

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#### Our main findings

The local community for the purposes of this decision is the suburb of Brookvale. The broader community is the Local Government Area (LGA) of Northern Beaches.

The applicant seeks to operate a small, boutique packaged liquor store in Brookvale. The liquor sales area will comprise part of an Italian speciality shop, selling boutique/gourmet liquor in a small sales area with reduced trading hours.

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

#### 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:

- crime hotspots the proposed premises is located in crime hotspots for incidents of non-domestic assault, malicious damage to property and alcohol-related assault.
- crime rates incident rates for the following crime categories when compared to NSW rates:
  - alcohol-related non-domestic assault, malicious damage and alcohol-related disorderly conduct are higher in the suburb
  - alcohol-related domestic assault is lower in the suburb
  - all crime categories we considered are lower in the LGA
- licence saturation the saturation of packaged liquor licences (PLL) in the suburb and LGA are higher than in NSW, however, there is a lower saturation of PLL bottle shops when compared to the overall total of PLLs in the suburb
- health statistics the rate of alcohol-attributed hospitalisations in the LGA is higher than in NSW, while the rate of alcohol-attributed deaths in the LGA is lower than in NSW.

However, we note that the below factors weighed in favour of approval of the application, and may also partially or fully mitigate some of the risks identified above:

- there were no objections from government agencies or the community
- Socio-Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA) data indicates an above average level of socioeconomic advantage and disadvantage in the suburb and LGA compared to other communities in NSW<sup>1</sup>
- the small liquor sales area of 4 square metres with restricted sales to boutique wines
- the proposed premises will operate under reduced trading hours
- the harm-minimisation measures outlined in the plan of management and licence conditions, as set out in Schedule 1.

#### The material we considered

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We considered the following material when making our decision:

- the application material including evidence that stakeholders and the community were notified about the application
- the legislation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Research shows that the association between liquor outlet density and assaults is stronger in areas with higher percentages of ATSI and in areas with lower socio-economic status (Association of liquor outlet density with domestic and non-domestic assault in New South Wales; Jiang, H., Riordan, B., Laslett, A-M., Livingston, M., Lee, K., James, D., Stearne, A., & Room, R. (2024))

- a Statement of Risks and Potential Effects
- certificate of advertising
- 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
- L&GNSW compliance materials
- stakeholder submissions and the applicant's response to them.

We also considered <u>Guideline 6</u> to assess the likely 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 <u>NCAT</u> 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: <a href="mailto:new.applications@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au">new.applications@liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au</a> if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Chairperson

**Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority** 

### Schedule 1: Licence conditions to be imposed - Bottega 1900

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.	Retail sales	Good Friday: Not permitted  December 24 <sup>th</sup> : Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00  AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday  Christmas Day: Not permitted  December 31 <sup>st</sup> : 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>01 July 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> <li>The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system at the supermarket/specialty store in accordance with the following requirements:         <ol> <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:</li></ol></li></ol>

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
		<ul> <li>b. ensure that the CCTV system is accessible at all times the system is required to operate pursuant to subclause 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>
7.	Adequate separation	The liquor sales area must be adequately defined from the rest of the supermarket in accordance with the premises plan as approved by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority on <b>20 August 2025</b> or any premises plan subsequently approved by the Authority.
8.	Specialised Liquor Products	<ol> <li>The licensee must ensure that only the following liquor products are sold or supplied by the licensed business ("Business"), except as provided by sub-clause 2:         <ul> <li>a. boutique wines (including sparkling wines and champagne).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other complementary liquor products, provided that those other products do not exceed more than 10% of the total product lines or 10% of the total products stocked on the premises at any one time, are also permitted. For liquor products available for sale under this sub-clause, the licensee must maintain documentation that stock levels do not exceed either of the specified 10% thresholds.</li> <li>The licensee must ensure that a list of the product lines and products stocked by the Business at any one time is kept at the premises and made available for inspection on the request of a police officer, Liquor &amp; Gaming NSW inspector, or any other person authorised by the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.</li> <li>Definitions</li> <li>For the purposes of this condition:</li> <li>Boutique wine is defined as wine (other than sparkling wine or champagne) that is manufactured by or on behalf of a boutique wine company which crushes and bottles 250 tonnes or less annually under its own label and is independently owned (i.e. not owned by a larger wine company at the time wine is supplied to the Business).</li> <li>Boutique champagne and sparkling wine is defined as champagne or sparkling wine that is not generally considered to be mainstream champagne or sparkling wine, that is, champagne or sparkling wine that is not commonly sold by major liquor retailers.</li> </ol>
9.	Crime scene preservation	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:  1. take all practical steps to preserve and keep intact the area where the act of violence occurred

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
		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
		<ol><li>make direct and personal contact with NSW Police to advise it of the incident and</li></ol>
		comply with any directions given by NSW Police to preserve or keep intact the area where the violence occurred
		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.