

NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Mrs Naomi George Approved Manager Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie Pty Ltd	Executive Director Regulatory Operations & Enforcement Liquor & Gaming NSW
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11 September 2025

Dear Mrs George

Reference No.	DOC25/251976
Corporate licensee	Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie Pty Ltd
Venue name	Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie
Licence number	LIQH424004498
Secretary & Manager	Mrs Naomi George
Premises	4 Jindalee Road Port Macquarie NSW 2444
Legislation	Section 53 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

Decision on the imposition of licence condition Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie Pty Ltd (LIQH424004498)

Our decision

We have decided to **impose** a condition requiring a Plan of Management under section 53 of the *Liquor Act 2007* (**the Act**), on the licence of the Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie (**the venue**). The condition is set out in Schedule 1.

Background

On 20 June 2025, the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (**the Authority**) decided to refuse an application to remove a demerit point under section 144ZE(1)(b) of the Act. The application was made by Mrs Naomi George (**Approved Manager**) on behalf of the Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie Pty Ltd (**the licensee**), the corporate licensee of the venue.

The decision to refuse the application largely weighed on the submission from NSW Police and our concerns that the venue had not adequately addressed the risks of patron intoxication since the demerit point was incurred and a further incident at the venue that occurred on 7 February 2025.

As part of the decision, we noted that we were considering the imposition of a Plan of Management (**POM**) condition on the licence in the interest of harm minimisation associated with the misuse and abuse of liquor.

Section 53(1)(b) of the Act provides for the Authority to impose licence conditions at any time on the Authority's own initiative.

Consultation and submissions

On 20 June 2025, we issued a notice of proposed imposition of licence condition in relation to a Liquor POM on the venue's licence under section 53 of the Act and invited a submission from the Approved Manager in response.

On 18 August 2025, we received a copy of the current POM for the venue from the Approved Manager. No submission was received from Mrs George in relation to the notice.

Our findings

In the interest of harm minimisation associated with the misuse and abuse of liquor, we determined to impose a POM condition on the licence in accordance with the Authority's powers under section 53(1)(b) of the Act.

The material we considered

In determining this decision, the following material was considered:

- The decision to refuse an application to remove a demerit point under section 144ZE(1)(b) of the Act from the licence of Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie Pty Ltd.
- The POM provided by the licensee on 18 August 2025.

If you have any questions

Please contact the Office of ILGA at office@ilga.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Jeff Loy
Chair, Disciplinary Matters Committee
NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Schedule 1: Licence condition to be imposed - Fernhill Tavern Port Macquarie Pty Ltd

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
1.	Liquor plan of management	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated August 2025 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.
