

NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF26/009889

Mr Grant Cusack

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Dear Mr Cusack

Application No.	1-9653973644
Applicant	Suzanne Melotte
Application for	Packaged liquor licence removal
Application date	3 December 2025
Decision date	18 March 2026
Licence name	Artisan Vinum
Licence No.	LIQP770017188
Current trading hours	Monday to Saturday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Proposed trading hours	Monday to Sunday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Current premises	57 Hawdon Street Moruya NSW 2537
Proposed premises	Unti 2 78 Campbell Street Moruya NSW 2537
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 40, 44, 45, 47B, 72I, 114 and 123 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Application for a packaged liquor licence removal – Artisan Vinum

We **approve** the application above under section 59 and 72I of the *Liquor Act 2007* (**the Act**) — with the conditions set out in Schedule 1 and conditions revoked in Schedule 2. The 6-hour closure period overrides any condition of the licence.

As part of the removal application, the applicant will no longer operate as delivery only business but instead operate as a bottle shop. The sub-type is relevant to the new business model.

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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 not be detrimental to the wellbeing of the local or broader community.

Our main findings

The local community for the purposes of this decision is the suburb of Moruya. The broader community is the Local Government Area (**LGA**) of Eurobodalla.

The applicant sought to relocate the Artisan Vinum packaged liquor licence (**PLL**) within the same suburb, converting and expanding the business from a producer/wholesaler and online delivery model to a walk-in bottle shop selling a broad range of products.

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:

- increase of trading hours by 37 hours per week
- transition from delivery only (online) to a bottle shop, permitting walk-ins
- high-density crime hotspot in the suburb for domestic assault, as well as medium-density crime hotspots in the suburb for non-domestic assault, malicious damage to property and alcohol-related assault
- incidence of all crime categories examined being higher in both the suburb and the LGA than the corresponding statewide rates for New South Wales
- saturation rate of PLLs and total outlet density in both the suburb and the LGA being higher than the corresponding statewide rate for New South Wales
- Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (**SEIFA**) data indicating that the suburb exhibits a below average level of socio-economic advantage and disadvantage compared with other communities across New South Wales¹
- rate of alcohol-attributed deaths and alcohol-attributed hospitalisations in the LGA being higher than the corresponding statewide rate for New South Wales
- proportion of residents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in both the suburb and the LGA being higher than the corresponding proportion across New South Wales.¹

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

- no objections were received from government agencies or from members of the community
- the removal will not increase the saturation rate of PLLs in the suburb as the licence is moving within the same LGA
- the suburb is a popular tourist destination where the population can triple during peak trading periods, increasing the population of the area compared to the local residential

¹ 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)).

population. This additional visitation above the residential population may skew both crime and licence saturation statistics

- the 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
- the legislation
- certificate of advertising
- 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 crime 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 [Guideline 6](#) 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 [NCAT](#) for a review of the decision.

An application for review must be made no later than 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

NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Schedule 1: Licence conditions to be imposed - Artisan Vinum

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
1.	Liquor closure period	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 6 hours between 04:00 AM and 10:00 AM 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 th : Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday Christmas Day: Not permitted December 31 st : Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday.
3.	Liquor accord	The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
4.	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 removing this licence to the premises at Unit 2, 78 Campbell Street, Moruya NSW 2537.
5.	Liquor plan of management	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the Plan of Management dated November 2025 as may be varied from time to time after consultation with NSW Police. A copy of the current 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	- The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the licensed premises ("the premises") in accordance with the following requirements: - the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close, - recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second, - any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image, - the system's cameras must cover the following areas: - all entry and exit points on the premises, and - all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises. - The licensee must also: - keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days,

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		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 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.
7.	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, 2. 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, 3. make direct and personal contact with NSW Police to advise it of the incident, and 4. 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.
8.	Incident register	1. The licensee must maintain a register, in which the licensee is to record the details of any of the following incidents and any action taken in response to any such incident: a. any incident involving violence or anti-social behaviour occurring on the premises, b. any incident of which the licensee is aware that involves violence or anti-social behaviour occurring in the immediate vicinity of the premises and that involves a person who has recently left, or been refused admission to, the premises, c. any incident that results in a person being turned out of the premises under section 77 of the Liquor Act 2007, d. any incident that results in a patron of the premises requiring medical assistance. 2. The licensee must, if requested to do so by a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector: a. make any such incident register immediately available for inspection by a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector, and

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		b. allow a police officer or Liquor & Gaming NSW inspector to take copies of the register or to remove the register from the premises. 3. The licensee must ensure that the information recorded in the incident register under this condition is retained for at least 3 years from when the record was made.

Schedule 2: Licence conditions to be revoked- Artisan Vinum

Condition to be revoked	Reason
Condition 50 <u>Liquor closure</u> 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 6 hours between 04:00 AM and 10:00 AM 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.	Condition will be carried over from the existing premises to the proposed premises due to the removal application as per section 59 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>.
Condition 130 <u>Retail sales</u> Good Friday Not permitted December 24th: Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on a Sunday Christmas Day: Not permitted December 31st: Normal trading Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 midnight on a Sunday	Condition will be carried over from the existing premises to the proposed premises due to the removal application as per section 59 of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>.
Condition 2030 <u>No walk-ups</u> Limited to the sale of liquor only by means of taking orders over the telephone or by facsimile or mail order, or through an Internet site.	As part of the removal application, the applicant will no longer operate as delivery only business but instead operate as a bottle shop. The condition is not relevant to the new business model.
Condition 3010 <u>No tastings</u> The licensee must ensure that no tastings are conducted on the premises.	As part of the removal application, the applicant will no longer operate as delivery only business but instead operate as a bottle shop, which permits tastings on the premises. The condition is not relevant to the new business model.