

NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF26/018474

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Dear Cusack

Application No.	APP-0015605023
Applicant	ALDI FOODS PTY LIMITED
Application for	New packaged liquor licence
Application date	9 February 2026
Decision date	22 April 2026
Licence name	ALDI Chisholm NSW
Proposed trading hours	Monday to Wednesday 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Thursday 8:30 AM – 9:00 PM Friday and Saturday 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM Sunday 10:00 AM – 8:30 PM
Proposed premises	Chisholm Plaza 4 Heritage Drive Chisholm NSW 2322
Legislation	Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 30, 31, 40, 44, 45, 47B and 72I of the <i>Liquor Act 2007</i>

Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Application for a new packaged liquor licence – ALDI Chisholm NSW

We **approve** the application above under section 45 and 72I 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.

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.

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 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 Chisholm. The broader community is the Local Government Area (**LGA**) of Maitland.

The applicant sought a packaged liquor licence (**PLL**) for an ALDI supermarket within the Chisholm Plaza shopping centre, which is under construction as part of the Thornton North Urban Release Area and Waterford Estate development in the Lower Hunter Region.

The application proposed a 54m² liquor sales area wholly within the supermarket, with a varied 6-hour daily closure period aligned to supermarket trading hours. Liquor sales are limited to ALDI-branded products and a small range of special non-ALDI items, with no refrigerated liquor. The supermarket has no direct off-street access, and same day liquor delivery was proposed.

The Plan of Management addressed legislative requirements.

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

Social impacts

The proposal could contribute to an increase in alcohol-related harm in the local and broader communities because the:

- suburb contains high-density crime hotspots for domestic assault and a medium density crime hotspot for alcohol-related assault
- incidence of alcohol-related domestic assault being higher in the suburb and LGA than the rate for NSW
- incidence of malicious damage to property and alcohol-related disorderly conduct being higher in the LGA compared to NSW
- incidence of alcohol-attributed deaths being higher in the LGA than the rate for NSW
- the relatively large proportion of residents who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (**ATSI**) in both the suburb and the LGA.¹

However, we note that the factors below weighed in favour of approval of 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

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. (2023)).

- there are no crime hotspots in the suburb for non-domestic assault or malicious damage to property
- the absence of instances of alcohol-related non-domestic assault or alcohol-related disorderly conduct recorded in the suburb during the year ending September 2025
- the incidence of malicious damage to property in the suburb being lower than the rate for NSW
- the saturation of PLLs in both the suburb and LGA being lower than the rate for NSW
- Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (**SEIFA**) data indicate that communities in the suburb and LGA are not disadvantaged²
- the incidence of alcohol-attributed hospitalisations being lower in the LGA than the rate for NSW
- 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 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 [Guideline 6](#) to assess the likely overall impact to the local and broader community and [Guideline 10](#) relating to the sale of liquor in supermarkets.

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.

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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 - ALDI Chisholm NSW

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 6 hours between 02:30 AM and 08:30 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.	Restricted trading & NYE - 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.	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 plan of management	The premises is to be operated at all times in accordance with the ALDI Management Policies and Strategies and House Policy documents, as submitted to the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority ("the Authority") in support of the licence application and as may be varied from time to time after consultation with the Authority. A copy of these documents 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 Authority.
5.	Liquor accord	The licensee or its representative must join and be an active participant in the local liquor accord.
6.	CCTV	1. The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system at the supermarket/specialty store in accordance with the following requirements: a. the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the supermarket/specialty store is required to close, b. recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of ten (10) frames per second, c. any recorded image must specify the time and date of the recorded image, d. the system's cameras must cover the following areas: i. all entry and exit points to the supermarket/specialty store, and ii. all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the liquor sales area. 2. The licensee must also:

No.	Condition to be imposed	Description
		a. keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days, 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.	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 22 April 2026 or any premises plan subsequently approved by the Authority.
8.	No refrigeration	The licensee must not sell refrigerated liquor products from the licensed premises.