

# NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

Our ref: DF26/023072

Mr Grant Cusack  
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Dear Mr Cusack

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| Application No.        | APP-0015545495                                                                              |
| Applicant              | ALILY PTY LTD                                                                               |
| Application for        | New packaged liquor licence                                                                 |
| Application date       | 7 November 2025                                                                             |
| Decision date          | 20 May 2026                                                                                 |
| Proposed licence name  | Murray’s Porters Liquor Springwood                                                          |
| Proposed trading hours | Monday to Saturday 09:00 AM – 09:00 PM<br>Sunday 10:00 AM – 07:00 PM                        |
| Proposed premises      | Shop 1, 135 -141 Macquarie Road<br>Springwood NSW 2777                                      |
| Legislation            | Sections 3, 11A, 12, 29, 40, 44, 45, 47B, 72I, 114 and 123 of the<br><i>Liquor Act 2007</i> |

## Decision of the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority

### Application for a new packaged liquor licence – Murray’s Porters Liquor Springwood

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.

## 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 Springwood. The broader community is the Local Government Area (**LGA**) of Blue Mountains City Council.

The applicant sought approval for a new packaged liquor licence (**PLL**) in the Springwood Town Centre, offering same-day delivery and trading hours with opening time in line with existing bottle shops but trading one hour later in the evening.

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:

- suburb containing a high-density crime hotspot for malicious damage to property and alcohol-related assault, and medium density hotspot for domestic assault and non-domestic assault
- incidence of alcohol-related non-domestic assault being higher in the suburb than the corresponding rate for New South Wales (**NSW**)<sup>1</sup>
- rate of alcohol-attributed deaths in the LGA being higher than the rate for NSW<sup>1</sup>.

Three objections were received, including one from a commercial competitor and two from members of the public. The key concerns raised were that there are already multiple PLLs in close proximity (within 100–180 metres) and that an additional store is unnecessary and would not benefit the community. Objectors also noted the presence of nearby licensed venues offering takeaway alcohol. Further concerns included potential increases in drunk and disorderly behaviour, crime and alcohol-related health issues, as well as possible negative impacts on parking availability within the shopping centre.

The applicant responded to these objections stating that the area has low levels of liquor-related crime and that both NSW Police and NSW Health raised no concerns about the proposal. The operator is experienced and has agreed to the proposed conditions, and adequate onsite parking is available at the rear of the premises.

However, the factors below 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 NSW Police or the Local Council
- the five letters of support highlight that the proposed liquor store would offer products not currently available from existing local retailers, improving choice for customers. Supporters believe it will not lead to increased crime or anti-social behaviour and emphasise the added convenience for residents.
- the operator being reputable and well regarded within the industry

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<sup>1</sup> Both the suburb and LGA are significant tourist destinations, with local, state, national and international visitation, increasing the population of the area compared to the local residential population. This additional visitation above the residential population may skew both crime and licence saturation statistics.

- the incidence of alcohol-related domestic assault, malicious damage to property and alcohol-related disorderly conduct being lower in the suburb than the rate for NSW<sup>1</sup>
- the incidence of all offence categories examined being lower in the LGA than the rate for NSW<sup>1</sup>
- the saturation rate and total outlet density of PLLs in both the suburb and the LGA are lower than the rate for NSW<sup>1</sup>
- Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) data, which combines Census data such as income, education, employment, occupation, housing and family structure to summarise the socio-economic characteristics of an area, indicate that the suburb and the LGA exhibit an above average level of socio-economic advantage (and disadvantage) compared with other communities across New South Wales<sup>2</sup>
- the operator of the licensed premises possesses demonstrated experience in the management and operation of licensed venues
- the harm-minimisation measures outlined in the plan of management and licence conditions, as set out in Schedule 1 which may mitigate the risk of alcohol-related harm

### **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
- the certificate of advertising
- the Statement of Risks and Potential Effects
- the plan of the licensed premises and any authorisations
- the plan of management for the licensed business
- the 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
- the 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.

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<sup>2</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. (2023)).

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](mailto: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 - Murray's Porters Liquor Springwood

| 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 <b>03:00 AM and 09:00 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<br>December 24 <sup>th</sup> : Normal trading Monday to Saturday 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight Sunday<br>Christmas Day: Not permitted<br>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>November 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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The licensee must maintain a closed-circuit television (CCTV) system on the licensed premises ("the premises") in accordance with the following requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the system must record continuously from opening time until one hour after the premises is required to close,</li> <li>recordings must be in digital format and at a minimum of <b>ten (10)</b> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all entry and exit points on the premises, and</li> <li>all publicly accessible areas (other than toilets) within the premises.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>The licensee must also:</li> </ol> |

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|     |                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. keep all recordings made by the CCTV system for at least 30 days,</li><li>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</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> |