

Class 1 Local Impact Assessment

SOUTH DUBBO TAVERN


328 Fitzroy Street, Dubbo, NSW, 2830.

Hotel Liquor Licence No. LIQH400112130

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PROPOSAL IN DETAIL

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The South Dubbo Tavern is seeking to increase its Gaming Machine Threshold by ~~one (1)~~ ^{two (2)} from the existing twenty one (21) to twenty ~~two (22)~~ ^{two (23)}. This Class 1 Local Impact Assessment (LIA) is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying application for a gaming machine threshold increase. 

The hotel is located at 328 Fitzroy Street, Dubbo, in the Dubbo Regional Council Local Government Area (LGA). This LGA is now classified as Band 2 by The Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.

The hotel has a focus on food and families with a total floor space of approximately 2,500 square metres. This consists of a Bistro, large outdoor Beer Garden and Children's Play Area, along with a Sports Bar, Saloon Bar, TAB, Gaming Room and Drive Thru Bottleshop. The operation of the gaming machines does not detract unduly from the character of the hotel or from the enjoyment of patrons utilising other areas and facilities of the premises.

The Hotel Licensee is an active member of the Dubbo Liquor Accord, and organised and coordinated the 2017 Annual Dubbo Liquor Accord Golf Day raising funds for local charity.

Local Community

For the purpose of this application, the local community consists mainly of the residents of the Regional City of Dubbo itself, along with the residents of the adjacent villages of Eumungerie, Mogriguy, Brocklehurst, Wongarbron, Toongi, and Rawsonville. The majority of hotel patrons are from this local area, with some additional tourist patronage.

Positive Contribution to Local Community

The hotel is to make a donation by way of sponsorship of \$20,000 to the Dubbo Macquarie Raiders Rugby League Football Club, and this donation demonstrates that the increase in the gaming machine threshold is a positive contribution to the community. The donated funds will be used to purchase team uniforms and equipment, ground upkeep, and for the payment of registration fees for underprivileged families and their children in the community. This enables these children to participate in sport in an inclusive team environment and contributes to a healthy lifestyle.

Responsible Conduct of Gambling

The hotel Licensee, management and staff are all suitably trained and well aware of their responsibilities regarding the conduct of gambling activities on the premises, and this situation will continue if this application is granted.

The hotel has a number of responsible gambling strategies in place which are not limited to but include the following;

- Gaming machines are unable to be played between 12am (midnight) and 10am Monday to Saturday, and 10pm and 10am on Sunday
- The relevant restrictions regarding the advertising of gaming machines are complied with at all times
- All gaming machines are located within the premises in a manner that they do not attract the attention of members of the public passing by the hotel
- Prohibition on the offering of promotional prizes in the form of cash, a promotional prize that exceeds \$1,000 in value, on the exchange of a promotional prize for cash, or any bonus or reward points accumulated under a player reward scheme to be redeemed for cash (except where permitted by the legislation)
- Problem gambling counselling services are available and promoted
- Refusal to accept prize winning cheques
- Prohibition on the issuing of prize winning cheques unless the patron is identified in accordance with the Gaming Machines Act and Regulations
- No cash dispensing facilities offered capable of providing cash from a credit card account
- Related limitations regarding the cashing of cheques adhered to
- Compliance with the AUSTRAC anti-money laundering legislation requirements
- Compliance with the industry code of practice in that the hotel has adopted the Australian Hotels Association Gamecare Self-Exclusion Programme, and the display of the related Code of Conduct in the Gaming Room.
- Patron access to a self-exclusion scheme and the availability of information explaining the scheme on hand
- Minors (persons aged under 18) not permitted to play gaming machines or enter the Gaming Room
- Information available and on display to patrons regarding the chances of winning a major prize through the operation of gaming machines
- All signage and notices displayed throughout the hotel and in particular in the Gaming Room as prescribed in the Gaming Machines Act and Regulations
- Clock clearly visible, in good working order, set to the correct time, and on display in the Gaming Room
- No gambling inducements are provided
- All staff associated with gaming machines have completed an approved Responsible Conduct of Gambling Course and have a current Competency Card

Community Concerns

The hotel Owners, Licensee and Management are unaware of any specific concerns within the community, however any issues that may arise as a result of the advertising and notification requirements that are associated with this application, will be addressed in a suitable and timely manner.

Conclusion:

1. The hotel has demonstrated that gambling activities within the South Dubbo Tavern are and will continue to be conducted in a responsible manner.
2. By providing \$20,000 for provision of services and the promotion of sport in the local community, the increase in the gaming machine threshold will provide a positive contribution towards the local community.

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