

LIQUOR LICENSING, GAMING MACHINE LICENSING AND ADULT ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS

- Intent:** The intent of this policy is to provide a guideline for providing comments on liquor licensing, gaming machine licencing and adult entertainment permit applications, to ensure the amenity, safety and vibrancy of surrounding areas are maintained, sufficient demand is monitored in a locality, and other relevant approvals are in place.
- Scope:** This policy shall apply to all requests for comment on liquor licensing applications, gaming machine licensing and adult entertainment permits received from Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) referred to Cairns Regional Council.

PROVISIONS**Statutory**

In accordance with the provisions of the *Liquor Act 1992*, the OLGR must provide certain liquor licence application (including proposed changes to existing liquor licences) to the relevant local government authority for comment or objection. Council may provide comment on the following matters:

- (a) comment on the reasonable requirements of the public in the locality; or
- (b) object to the grant of the relevant application on the grounds that the amenity, quiet or good order of the locality would be lessened.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Gaming Machine Act 1991*, the commissioner may invite representations on an application of significant community impact from:

- (a) the local government for the area in which the premises for which the licence is sought are situated.

Licencing

OLGR issues different types of liquor licenses, gaming machine licences and adult entertainment permits, with the type of licence issued dependent on the primary purpose.

Considerations

Council in preparing comments on an application will give consideration to the following matters:

- Proximity to sensitive receptors including residential areas
- Existing land use rights or development approvals for the premises
- Security and patron management
- Number of complaints about this venue or this type of venue
- Proposed patron capacity and trading hours
- High risk areas in consideration of anti-social behaviours
- History of the applicant's ability to manage and operate a licenced venue

Specific Policy Position

Council does not support liquor licence trading prior to 10am and after 12 midnight. In the case of nightclubs, hotels (not including detached bottleshops) and bars, Council may support trading until 3am on Friday and Saturday, with appropriate consideration given to the assessment criteria above. Council does not support trading hours of detached bottleshops prior to 10am or post 10pm.

Additionally, Council does not support any additional detached bottleshops proposed within the following locations:

- Cairns City
- Cairns North
- Edge Hill
- Whitfield
- Manunda
- Manoora
- Westcourt
- Bungalow
- Earlville
- Woree
- Parramatta Park
- Mooroolbool

Where proposed bottle shops are located outside the areas identified above, they will be assessed against the considerations set out in this Policy. Proposals that do not satisfy these criteria, or that fail to demonstrate compliance through relevant supporting information, will not be supported by Council, regardless of their location.

Council does not support trading hours of gaming machine licences prior to 10am or post 12am.

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This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

Director Responsible for Review:

Planning, Growth & Sustainability

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