



Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming

Our Ref: 27 27794

Hon Simon O'Brien
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environmental and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you for your letter of 20 October 2016 regarding a petition and submission referred to the Committee on Environmental and Public Affairs in relation to the relocation of a liquor store at the shopping centre in South Hedland.

I am advised that the enforcement of the *Liquor Control Act 1988* ('the Act') rests with the Commissioner of Police and neither the Director of Liquor Licensing nor the Liquor Commission has been approached by the Police regarding issues with the location of a liquor store in the shopping centre.

I am also advised that in relation to the claims that the liquor store *does not have any security or restrictions on who is sold alcohol like the neighbouring liquor outlets* the licensing authority is not aware of any neighbouring licences that have a condition imposed on them requiring security officers however, this could be a voluntary initiative of individual licensees.

Since 8 October 2012, the following restrictive conditions were imposed on licences that can sell packaged liquor in South Hedland:

1. *Packaged liquor may only be sold from Monday to Saturday from 11:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.*
2. *The sale of wine in casks or flagons containing more than two (2) litres of alcohol is prohibited.*
3. *The sale of fortified wine in containers greater than one (1) litre is prohibited.*
4. *The sale of spirits in bottles or containers greater than 750 millilitres is prohibited.*
5. *The licensee is prohibited from, and shall not authorise, any external promotion which advertises the price of full strength "mainstream" packaged beers (i.e.: regular beer with over 3.5% ethanol by volume); RTDs (Ready To Drink spirit mixes); 2 litre wine casks; or spirits, whether the price is discounted or not. The licensee is also prohibited from any external promotion which links the purchase of full strength "mainstream" packaged beer, RTDs, spirits*

or 2 litre cask wine with any prize, contest or other customer incentive. The specific brands of "Mainstream" packaged beer affected include: Victorian Bitter, Fosters Lager, Melbourne Bitter, Emu Export, Emu Bitter, Swan Draught, XXXX, Hahn Ice, Tooheys Old, Tooheys New and Tooheys Red. Bottled wine, light beers (3.5% ethanol by volume) and premium beers are excluded from this condition.

6. The approved manager will attend cultural awareness training to be presented by a local indigenous training provider.

I am further advised that the licensing authority has not received an application from any licensee to relocate a liquor store in South Hedland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brendon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR RACING AND GAMING**

23 NOV 2016