

Information Notice

Application Type: Variation of conditions
Trading Name: The Junk Bar Qld Pty Ltd
Address of Premises: 720 Brunswick Street, New Farm
Date of the Decision: 11 August 2025
Applicable Legislation: Part 4, Division 4, Subdivision 4 of the *Liquor Act 1992*.

Brief Summary of the Reasons for the Decision

As a Delegate of the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming, I conducted a review of the application for a variation of liquor licence lodged by the applicant on 7 May 2025. In deciding the application, I took into account the following findings of fact:

1. The applicant is eligible to apply for a variation of liquor licence under the *Liquor Act 1992* (the Act).
2. No objections were lodged by the local authority or the Queensland Police Services.
3. The application was advertised for public comment and eight letters of objection were received.
4. The Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation's (OLGR) Compliance Division, who are responsible for ensuring compliance of premises under the provisions of the Liquor Act, offered no objection to the application, subject to conditions to be endorsed on the licence.
5. Appropriate conditions are imposed on the licence to mitigate any potential amenity impacts.
6. The Act provides avenues to complain and empowers OLGR to address issues in the event non-compliance should be substantiated.
7. A decision to grant the application is justifiable and reasonable under the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

I have considered the relevant matters outlined in Part 4, Division 4 of the Act.

I took into account the objections received which outlined the following concerns:

1. Negative impact of noise
2. Safety and well-being of residents.
3. Unruly behaviour of patrons.

In response to the objection received, I am satisfied the granting of variation to the subsidiary on premise (meals) licence would not necessarily have an adverse effect on the amenity of the locality as:

1. The local authority has no objection to the application.
2. It is the responsibility of the licensee to make every effort to ensure patron and other venue-related noise does not negatively impact local residents. The recommended conditions should assist the licensee in trading in a compliant manner and mitigate any potential for unreasonable noise to nearby residents.
3. The OLGR has a complaints system and can take action to address any substantiated breaches of licence terms and conditions should the licensee be unable to meet their responsibilities under the Act

After considering all of the relevant factors and information, both positive and negative, and the aforementioned findings on material questions of fact, I decided to grant the licence, subject to the following conditions:

- *Noise emanating from the basement level of the premises including amplified and/or non-amplified noise and/or patron noise must not exceed the following limits, when measured approximately 3 metres from the primary source of the noise:*
 - a. *93dB(A) between 10.00 am and 10.00 pm.*
 - b. *96dB(C) between 10:00 pm and 12.00 am.*
- *Noise emanating from the ground level of the premises including amplified and/or non-amplified noise and/or patron noise must not exceed 75dB(C), fast response, when measured approximately 3 metres from the primary source of the noise.*
- *Between 12:00 am and 10:00 am, noise emanating from the premises including amplified and/or non-amplified noise and/or patron noise must not exceed 75dB(C), fast response, when measured approximately 3 metres from the primary source of the noise.*
- *Non-amplified entertainers and/or speakers used to amplify noise must not be located in any outdoor area of the premises, including verandah, patio, footpath or beer garden.*