

# Public Interest Assessment

## Form 2A

Under the *Liquor Control Act 1988* (LC Act), the Director of Liquor Licensing (DLL) has the discretion to grant or refuse any application if the DLL considers this to be in the public interest.<sup>1</sup> The DLL requires certain applicants to fill in this Public Interest Assessment (PIA) form and provide supporting evidence that their application is in the public interest.<sup>2</sup> If you are applying for the grant of any of the following licences, or the removal of one of these types of existing licence to another premises, you will need to complete a PIA to provide evidence that your application is in the public interest:

- Hotel/Hotel Restricted
- Tavern/Tavern Restricted
- Liquor Store
- Nightclub.<sup>3</sup>

A PIA is also required if you are applying for an extended trading permit for extended hours, which has a duration of more than 3 weeks<sup>4</sup>, or for a temporary bar (refer to the [Temporary Events Approvals policy](#)). The DLL can also ask for a PIA to be prepared as part of the application for any type of liquor licence or permit.

The DLL will consider the following factors when determining whether granting the application is in the public interest, but this list is not exhaustive:

- the harm that might be caused due to the use of alcohol
- whether there might be a decrease in the amenity, quiet or good order of the locality
- whether people who live or work nearby might suffer offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience
- how it might affect tourism, culture and the community.<sup>5</sup>

The level of detail required will be unique to each PIA. If you do not provide enough information, your application might not succeed or you might be asked to provide further information.

Your completed PIA will be made publicly available and may be advertised on the [LGIRS website](#), allowing the community an opportunity to make submissions on it. Because it will be made public, do not include sensitive or personal information on this form. You can complete this PIA by taking a common-sense approach and you don't need a lawyer or a

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<sup>1</sup> LC Act s33(1).

<sup>2</sup> LC Act s38(3).

<sup>3</sup> Liquor Control Regulations (LC Regs) r9EA.

<sup>4</sup> LC Regs r9F.

<sup>5</sup> LC Act s5 and s38(4).

consultant to fill it in. The PIA form is a guide, and it is up to the applicant to satisfy the DLL that their application is in the public interest. If you do not have enough space, attach extra pages or prepare a separate submission. If you prepare your PIA as a separate submission, please refer to each of the question numbers on this form, so we know what question you are responding to. Lodge this form by submitting it with your application at our [Portal Homepage](#).

## PART 1 – Application Details

**Applicant name:** [Type here]

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**What licence or permit type are you applying for?** [Type here]

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**Are you applying for:**

New licence

Removal of existing licence

Licence/permit type: [Type here]

**Premises trading name:** [Type here]

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**Address of proposed premises:** [Type here]

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If you are lodging an application for an extended trading permit for extended hours at the same time as an application for the grant of a licence, you should submit separate PIAs for each. This is because the information required for each may be different and the DLL may approve the licence but not the extended trading hours.

## PART 2 – Manner of trade

Please provide enough information for us to understand how you are intending to run your business, so we can understand the impact it will have on the community and the potential for it to cause alcohol related harm.

### 2.1 What is the proposed manner of trade and your target client base?

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**2.2 Describe the premises/proposed premises.** Include a map of the locality and a floor plan detailing the nature and layout of the premises, highlighting the unique aspects of the proposed facility. What is the maximum number of patrons permitted on the premises? How will the proposed premises contribute to the streetscape and atmosphere of the area?

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**2.3 If you intend to sell packaged liquor, give the names and addresses of all existing licensed premises within the locality.** The LC Act puts limitations on how many packaged liquor premises can be in a certain location. Refer to [Outlet Density — Packaged Liquor Premises](#) for more information.

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## PART 3 – The profile of the local community

The better you capture the characteristics of the local community, the better the DLL will be able to understand the potential impact the grant of your application could have on the public interest. Your local government may have information about the area around the proposed premises, and you should seek useful data and statistics from a variety of sites, such as: [www.police.wa.gov.au/crime/crimestatistics#](http://www.police.wa.gov.au/crime/crimestatistics#) and [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

You need to provide profile information from the *locality* that is within a certain distance to your intended business. If your intended business is:

- within 15km of the Perth CBD, the locality is a radius of 2km of it
- anywhere else (unless remote), the locality is a radius of 3km of it
- in a remote area, you should make a submission on what the appropriate size of the locality should be. Remote areas are those where the nearest town is at least 200km away and Perth is at least 400km away.

If you think the above definitions of locality are not appropriate for your intended business, make a separate submission on what you think the size should be.

**3.1 Please outline the population characteristics in the locality.** Helpful demographic information will include the total population, estimated population growth, average age, income and employment status, and the type of people who live and work in the community.

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**3.3 List the community buildings in the locality** If any of the following are in the locality, please provide their names and addresses: schools and educational institutions, hospitals, hospices, aged care facilities, churches/places of worship, drug and alcohol treatment centres, short term accommodation or refuges, childcare centres, or a local government.

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## PART 4 – Minimising the potential for alcohol to cause harm







industries in the State.<sup>6</sup> This is your opportunity to expand on how the grant of your application would result in positive developments to tourism, culture and the community. This could include increased local employment opportunities, the provision of unique entertainment or food options, and the creation of new leisure opportunities in the area.

**7.1 Are there any tourism, cultural and community benefits that would result from the grant of your application?**

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**7.2 If you have any other information to provide in support of your application, include it here.**

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<sup>6</sup> LC Act s5(1)(c).

## PART 8 – Declaration

I declare that the contents of this document and attachments are true, correct and complete and that I have made all reasonable inquiries to obtain the information required.

I acknowledge that under section 159 of the *Liquor Control Act 1988* it is an offence to provide false, misleading or incomplete information in this document.

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