

Liquor Licensing (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill

This Bill was finally Assented to on 8th November 2011. Although many of the proposed amendments were not adopted there are a few changes that Clubs should be aware of:

- Penalties have increased for second and subsequent offences in many areas i.e. Liquor sold or supplied to an intoxicated patron is \$20,000 but a second or subsequent offence is now \$40,000.
- There is now a \$160 expiation fee for individuals who are offensive or disorderly.
- The Commissioner can issue public order and safety notices i.e. vary or suspend a licence.
- Police will have the power to clear or close premises.
- Serving notices now includes faxing or emailing.
- The mandatory 4am to 7am closure was not passed but those that do trade during those hours have to meet additional criteria.