



New South Wales

# Liquor Amendment (Special Events Hotel Trading) Bill 2007

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Liquor Act 1982*:

- (a) to extend the trading hours of hotels on certain days during the 2007 Rugby World Cup, and
- (b) to enable the trading hours of hotels to be extended during any period prescribed by the regulations (being a period that coincides with the holding of a special event of regional, State, national or international significance).

The extended hotel trading hours in relation to the 2007 Rugby World Cup are until 1 am on the mornings following Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October 2007 (hotels are normally required to close at midnight on Saturdays and 10 pm on Sundays), and from 5 am on the mornings of Sunday 7, Sunday 14 and Sunday 21 October 2007 (hotels normally cannot open until 10 am on a Sunday). These extended trading times coincide with the times when some of the final matches of the World Cup will be played.

In the case of the mornings of Sunday 7 October and Monday 8 October, the 1 am closing time (which is the anticipated finishing time of the matches being played at that time) will, if the relevant match is still in progress because of extra time or some

other reason, be extended until the completion of the match. However, any such extended trading past 1 am will only apply if the hotel is actually showing live coverage of the match to its patrons.

The extended hotel trading permitted by the proposed Act, including any period prescribed by the regulations in relation to a special event, will only apply to the sale or supply of liquor for consumption in hotels.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides that the proposed Act commences, or is taken to have commenced, on 6 October 2007.

**Clause 3** is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendment to the *Liquor Act 1982* set out in Schedule 1.

**Clause 4** provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after it commences. Once the amendment has commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect any amendments made by that Act.

**Schedule 1** amends the *Liquor Act 1982* in the manner described in the above overview.

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# Liquor Amendment (Special Events Hotel Trading) Bill 2007

No. , 2007

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## A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Liquor Act 1982* to extend hotel trading hours on certain dates during the finals of the 2007 Rugby World Cup and to provide for hotel trading hours to be extended when other special events are held.

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<b>The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:</b>	1
<b>1 Name of Act</b>	2
This Act is the <i>Liquor Amendment (Special Events Hotel Trading) Act 2007</i> .	3 4
<b>2 Commencement</b>	5
This Act commences, or is taken to have commenced, on 6 October 2007.	6 7
<b>3 Amendment of Liquor Act 1982 No 147</b>	8
The <i>Liquor Act 1982</i> is amended as set out in Schedule 1.	9
<b>4 Repeal of Act</b>	10
(1) This Act is repealed on the day following:	11
(a) the day on which this Act commences, or	12
(b) the date of assent,	13
whichever is the later.	14
(2) The repeal of this Act does not, because of the operation of section 30 of the <i>Interpretation Act 1987</i> , affect any amendment made by this Act.	15 16

<b>Schedule 1</b>	<b>Amendment</b>	1
	(Section 3)	2
<b>Sections 24A and 24AA</b>		3
Omit section 24A. Insert instead:		4
<b>24A</b>	<b>Extended hotel trading hours—2007 Rugby World Cup</b>	5
(1)	In addition to the trading hours that apply to the premises to which a hotelier's licence relates, liquor may be sold or supplied on any such premises for consumption on those premises only, and the premises to which a hotelier's licence relates may be kept open for the sale or supply of liquor for consumption on those premises only:	6 7 8 9 10 11
(a)	from midnight on Saturday 6 October 2007 until 1 am on Sunday 7 October 2007 or until the completion of the first quarter final match of the 2007 Rugby World Cup, whichever is the later, and	12 13 14 15
(b)	from 5 am on Sunday 7 October 2007 until 1 am on Monday 8 October 2007 or until the completion of the third quarter final match of the 2007 Rugby World Cup, whichever is the later, and	16 17 18 19
(c)	from 5 am on Sunday 14 October 2007 until 10 am on that day, and	20 21
(d)	from 5 am on Sunday 21 October 2007 until 10 am on that day.	22 23
(2)	Subsection (1) does not authorise the sale, supply or consumption of liquor on any licensed premises past 1 am on Sunday 7 October 2007, or past 1 am on Monday 8 October 2007, until the completion of the respective quarter final match of the 2007 Rugby World Cup unless patrons have access to live coverage of the match by means of a device (such as a television or projector screen) located on the premises and provided by or on behalf of the licensee.	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
(3)	Subsection (1) does not authorise the sale, supply or consumption of liquor on any licensed premises contrary to a restriction or prohibition that:	32 33 34
(a)	relates to the times when the premises are authorised to trade, and	35 36
(b)	has been imposed under this Act (otherwise than under section 24) or any other law.	37 38

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- (4) However, subsection (1) does not restrict the sale or supply of liquor on premises to which a hotelier's licence relates, whether for consumption on or away from those premises, at such times as are otherwise authorised under this Act.

**24AA Extended hotel trading hours—special events**

- (1) In addition to the trading hours that apply to the premises to which a hotelier's licence relates:
- (a) liquor may be sold or supplied on any such premises for consumption on those premises only, and
  - (b) the premises to which a hotelier's licence relates may be kept open for the sale or supply of liquor for consumption on those premises only,
- during any period prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this section.
- (2) Any such period may be prescribed only in relation to a specified day on which a special event is to be held or that immediately follows the day on which a special event is held.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2), *special event* means an event that the Minister considers to be of regional, State, national or international significance.
- (4) A regulation under this section may apply to a specified class of hotel. Without limitation, any such class of hotel may be specified by reference to hotels that are located in a particular area (however described).
- (5) Subsection (1) does not authorise the sale, supply or consumption of liquor on any licensed premises contrary to a restriction or prohibition that:
- (a) relates to the times when the premises are authorised to trade, and
  - (b) has been imposed under this Act (otherwise than under section 24) or any other law.

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- (6) However, subsection (1) does not restrict the sale or supply of liquor on premises to which a hotelier's licence relates, whether for consumption on or away from those premises, at such times as are otherwise authorised under this Act. 1  
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