



**Troy Grant**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **BONDI LIQUORLAND SHUT FOR TWO WEEKS**

The Liquorland bottle shop at the Eastgate Shopping Centre in Bondi Junction will be closed for 14 days from today under tough new liquor laws for selling alcohol to minors.

This is the first time a major supermarket chain has been closed for such offences and follows previous closures of the Liquor Stax at Terrigal in September and Royal Hotel in Temora in June.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant said an organisation of this size should know better.

“No liquor license holder is immune to our liquor laws, if you sell to a minor we will come after you,” Mr Grant said.

“The government is constantly running operations to crack down on the sale of liquor to minors, It’s just not worth the risk.

“I have a simple message for licensees: if they look younger than me, ask for ID.

“Our government will not tolerate the bad apples in the industry who’re putting young people at risk.”

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2015, a 16 year old was observed purchasing two six-packs of beer using a provisional driver’s license depicting a 22 year-old man that look significantly different, including visual age, hair colour and style and facial structure.

The license was also expired by four years and had a hole punched through the middle.

The bottle shop and the employee were each fined \$1,100 and incurred a strike under the Three Strikes disciplinary scheme on top of the significant loss of revenue arising from the two week closure.

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