

## Regional Engagement Strategy

### **The Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority visits regional locations**

#### **What is our regional engagement strategy?**

The Authority intends to meet and consult with local stakeholders on issues relating to liquor and gaming in the community and may hold board meetings in regional locations as part of each visit. The locations visited will be areas with local issues of particular interest to the Authority and which may have broader relevance across NSW.

#### **Why do we visit in person?**

The Authority has found that attending a locality in person enhances its appreciation of issues affecting local and broader communities. Members are able to better understand subtleties of fact and context that may not be clear in written materials. Regional engagement visits by the Authority also allow people living in regional NSW to share their perspectives with decision-makers who are based in other locations.

The purpose of these meetings, visits and consultations is to:

- build positive relationships with regional stakeholders, including community groups and local liquor accord members
- better understand what matters to regional communities in relation to liquor and gaming
- ensure the voices of residents in these communities are heard
- better understand the impact of liquor outlet saturation on communities, including on crime rates (such as alcohol-related domestic and non-domestic assault) and rates of health-related harms
- identify examples of leading practice to understand what works well.

#### **How do we decide where to visit?**

The location of the Authority's regional meetings will be determined on a flexible basis taking into consideration current and emerging issues, and recent liquor and gaming applications.

#### **Have your say**

If you would like the Authority to visit your town or city, please get in touch. Email [office@ilga.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@ilga.nsw.gov.au).