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Liquor store plan gives committee a headache



Doug Darlington is opposed to a new liquor outlet at Long Jetty.

Picture: TROY SNOOK

DENICE BARNES

A PROPOSAL to open another bottle shop at Long Jetty has outraged members of The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct.

Woolworths has submitted a development application for a new liquor outlet at 447-449 The Entrance Rd.

The plan is to demolish a service station and build a BWS outlet.

That, according to precinct committee secretary Doug Darlington, was the last thing Long Jetty needed.

"There is a proven link between an increase in the number of liquor outlets and an increase in domestic violence in the community," Mr Darlington said.

He said last year the Tuggerah Lakes police crime prevention officer told a precinct committee meeting the area was number two in NSW when it came to domestic violence.

Mr Darlington said when the precinct committee was notified by Wyong Council of the bottle shop proposal, executive members undertook research and discovered university studies confirming the number of liquor outlets was associated with an

Precinct protest

OPPONENTS of the bottle shop say there are two liquor outlets at Bay Village and one at Killarney Vale, all within a kilometre of The Entrance precinct.

The precinct committee has written to Woolworths, Wyong Council, The Entrance State Liberal MP Chris Spence, Central Coast Minister Chris Hartcher and the minister responsible for liquor licences, George Souris, outlining their objections.

increase in alcohol-related violence and assault in the surrounding area.

Increased violence occurred in private homes rather than at licensed premises.

"We believe that domestic violence and anti-social behaviour would be exacerbated in our precinct in which there are already five liquor retail outlets," Mr Darlington said.



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Andrew
writes:

Posted on
5 May 11 at 08:18am

interesting comment from T Haylor. it be hard for coles to get a liquor outlet has woolworths applied for one at the old supermarket across the road and it was knocked back and i doubt laundy the owner of the OB will allow it has he owns every bottle shop in umina. long jetty is smaller than umina and i doubt it needs another bottle shop.

T Haylor
writes:

Posted on
4 May 11 at 09:12am

Same problem at Umina. Coles have applied for a liquor outlet at Umina. If approved Umina will have more liquor outlets than chemists. The problem will escalate when Woolies and Aldi want a licenses. Councils and citizens should lodge their objections before the license is granted.