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Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing
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Ms Vivienne Scott
Chairperson
The Entrance Community Precinct Committee
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THE ENTRANCE NSW 2261

Dear Ms Scott

I refer to your recent letter to the Hon Michael Gallacher MLC, Minister for Police and Emergency Services, which has been referred to me, concerning a proposed application by Woolworths for a packaged liquor licence for a BWS – Beer Wine Spirits store at Long Jetty.

I note that your letter follows separate correspondence on this issue from Mr Douglas Darlington, Secretary, The Entrance Community Precinct Committee, and consultation by the proponent with residents and other stakeholders as part of the Community Impact Statement for the proposed premises.

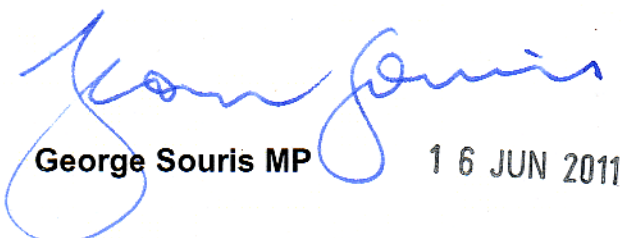
I understand that as at 6 June 2011, a licence application had not been received for the proposed premises.

If an application is lodged, details of the application will be placed on public exhibition for 30 days to allow the local community to lodge submissions with the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority which must, by law, be taken into account when considering the application. I have arranged for a copy of your letter, as well as Mr Darlington's, to be referred to the Authority as submissions for any relevant application that may be lodged for the premises.

While the Authority takes into consideration a number of factors when considering a licence application, including stakeholder submissions and relevant data, under the liquor laws, it cannot grant an application unless development consent from the local council has been obtained and it is satisfied that the overall social impact will not be detrimental to the well-being of the local or broader community.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. If you have any further enquires please contact Ross McCulloch on 02 9995 0779.

Yours sincerely


George Souris MP 16 JUN 2011