

AD:VC/Adam Dean
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18 August 2011

Mr Doug Darlington
Secretary
The Entrance Peninsula Community Precinct
63 Stella Street
LONG JETTY NSW 2261

Dear Mr Darlington

PROPOSED BWS LIQUOR STORE (DA/11/2011) – 447-449 THE ENTRANCE ROAD, LONG JETTY

The General Manager has referred your correspondence to my Department in relation to this matter. He is taking a keen interest in this matter; however, he recognises the Department's resources and background knowledge on this matter and has therefore referred your enquiry to me and has asked that I reply to you, on his behalf.

I acknowledge and thank you for identifying TEPCP's concerns relating to the addition of new liquor outlets in your Precinct and the information you have provided in your letter.

Following the withdrawal of DA/11/2011, Council received notification from Back Schwartz Vaughan, Solicitors that Woolworths had lodged an application for a packaged liquor licence at the above property. Council staff subsequently lodged a formal objection with the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing to Woolworth's application.

Regarding your suggestion that every development application for a new liquor outlet within the Local Government Area be accompanied by a Social Impact Assessment, I provide the following comment.

In determining a Development Application Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 confers the responsibility to a consent authority to consider the social impacts of a proposal.

In the majority of instances Council staff are sufficiently qualified to undertake such assessments. However, in those instances where a more thorough investigation is required, the applicant (as was with the case with the BWS application), will be requested to provide a Social Impact Assessment.

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I believe this process to be fair, sufficiently rigorous and sound. At this point in time, no change to Council policy is deemed necessary.

Please note that social impacts of a proposal are further examined by the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing through the liquor licence application process.

Yours faithfully



Gina Vereker

Director

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