



THE ENTRANCE PENINSULA COMMUNITY PRECINCT

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Subject: COUNCIL'S POLICY FOR THE DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR OUTLETS.

Dear Doug,

TEPCP is writing to all Wyong Shire Councillors imploring them to support TEPCP in its campaign to require better accountability for developers wanting consent to develop new liquor outlets in Wyong Shire.

TEPCP totally rejects advice from Wyong Shire Council's Director of Environmental and Planning Services contained in her letter dated 18th August, 2011, (copy attached) which states that with regards to the requirements of a developer submitting a DA for a liquor licence:

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

TEPCP contend that irresponsible of WSC to ignore that that domestic violence will increase because of a new liquor store development. That the existing policy can not be sufficiently rigorous and sound when it does not mandate that the impacts of alcohol related assaults and domestic violence be address in a Community Impact Statement. Council has a duty of care to ensure that its actions do not contribute to increased assaults and domestic violence.

TEPCP has been advised by the Minister for Hospitality and Racing, the Hon. George Souris MP that in the granting of a liquor licence:

"While the Authority¹ takes into consideration a number of factors when considering a licence application, including stakeholder submissions and relevant data, under the liquor laws, it can not 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."

A copy of the Minister's letter dated 16th June 2011 is attached.

This means that the Authority can not grant a liquor licence until council gives development consent. BWS's application for a liquor licence is still under consideration by the Authority.

¹ Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority

TEPCP has collated the correspondence and documents on this matter on our web site.

<http://www.theentranceprecinct.org/LIQUOR%20OUTLETS%202.html>

It includes BWS's Community Impact Statement to the Authority and TEPCP's rebuttal of their claims in their statement,

RECOMMENDATION

TEPCP recommends that the matter should be brought before council as a matter of urgency and is calling on Wyong Shire Councillors to do more to protect the community from the ravages of alcohol fuelled domestic violence.

Proposed Urgency Motion:

"That council requires all development applications submitted for new liquor outlets in Wyong Shire to contain a community impact statement that addresses the effect their development will have on the rates of alcohol related assaults and domestic violence and that all such applications should be considered by Council."

The motion is urgent because BWS will soon be lodging a new DA for the store in Long Jetty.

TEPCP calls on you to champion this cause on behalf of the Wyong Shire community

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours Sincerely



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