

I write in relation to the review of the Liquor Licensing Act 1997 and the associated discussion paper released for public consultation in December 2015 and January 2016.

I confirm that I write on behalf of the City of Marion. Please note that although feedback has been sought from Elected Members, this submission has not been formally endorsed by Council.

Council is of the view that Council's should retain the right to intervene on licensing applications notwithstanding whether planning approval has already been granted. The two processes have very different criteria and in some cases, in assessing the development application, Council may have little information relating to the liquor licence. Alternatively, Council may not even be aware a liquor licence will thereafter be sought. In some instances, the liquor licences may be applied for many years after a development authorisation.

Ideally, consultation on planning and liquor licence applications might occur at the same time.

However, as you would be aware not all planning applications require public consultation, If only Category 2 public consultation is required, those properties notified will most likely, not extend as far as one might envisage for a liquor licence. I also re-emphasise our earlier point that the liquor licence may not be applied for until some years after the development authorisation. There may also be circumstances where a development authorisation is not required (for example - existing use rights), and historically liquor has not been sold from the premises.

Thank you for enabling Council and the community to comment on the review.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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