



Evaluation of the Community Impact Statement requirements for liquor licences

Penrith City Council Submission

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the evaluation of Community Impact Statement (CIS) requirements for liquor licence applications. The evaluation of CIS requirements for liquor licence application are supported. The commentary in this submission will focus on the key comments requested from L&GNSW.

1. Council supports the current stakeholder consultation requirements for both Category A and B. However, there is a need for capacity building with the stakeholder organisations such as Council, Police and community groups to better provide responses to CIS's.
2. There is bias by applicants in completing the CIS and no value in the CIS if writing to persuade OLGA to provide a licence.
3. There needs to be more transparency around what liquor licences currently exist in one area. The current listing available on OLGA website is time consuming to navigate to find the required information.
4. Council does not support the combination of notification for liquor licences with DAs. The types of stakeholders notified used in the DA process is limited to Category A requirements. The DA notification is not as extensive, and therefore would exclude key stakeholders identified in Category B if combined.

In addition, not all new applications for liquor licence require a DA to be lodged.

For example, *home occupation, home business and home industry* can be exempt from requiring development consent when specific criteria is met under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008. An applicant requiring a new liquor licence for a catering business, may only use the home to conduct administration functions of the business and therefore is exempt from lodging a DA.

Existing Use Rights is another example where no DA may be required when lodging an application for a new liquor licence.