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AUTHORITY REJECTS BOTTLE SHOP PROPOSAL FOR BERMAGUI

The NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority has rejected an application to move a packaged liquor licence from Tilba Tilba to a proposed BWS – Beer Wine Spirits outlet at Bermagui.

Chair Philip Crawford said the Authority was concerned that the proposal was not in the best interests of the local community.

In March, the Authority held a public meeting in Bermagui to give residents and other stakeholders a chance to have their say on the proposal. Around 130 people attended the meeting.

A range of issues was raised by numerous speakers, primarily relating to the potential for an additional packaged liquor facility in Bermagui to contribute to alcohol-related harms.

Representatives of Woolworths spoke in favour of the proposal.

When determining the application, the Authority considered feedback from the meeting as well as written submissions, a Community Impact Statement and other relevant objective data.

A full report detailing the Authority's reasons for refusal will be published on the Liquor & Gaming NSW website soon.

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