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# fitzroy residents' association

Established in 1969 to promote, protect and enhance residential amenity

## **OBJECTION TO PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION – PLN20/0403**

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On behalf of the FRA we object to the proposed Permit Application.

The FRA is not supportive of the use of rear courtyards for the sale and consumption of alcohol. The backyards of such properties were never intended to be an addition to commercial operations except for parking, loading and unloading, staff toilets, the storage of bins.

The use of such spaces without extensive building works, designed to ameliorate the impact of noise and light pollution on neighbouring residents is of increasing concern to the FRA.

Residents have therefore raised a number of issues in relation to this permit application:

- Noise resulting from patron voices and background music
- Excessive light pollution on neighbouring residential properties
- Transferability of liquor licenses

We note that in 2012 Yarra City Council investigated Yarra's Night Time Economy in response to:

- community concerns about alcohol misuse at night in public places; and
- growing residential dwellings in, and nearby, activity centres and the expected increase in Yarra's population over the next 15 years.

The increasing number of bars and clubs and the expansion of existing establishments with additional patrons is affecting the well-being, safety and amenity of residents. The Yarra Council Plan lists as one of its five priorities the making of Yarra more liveable. The Plan states "Much of Yarra's significant residential development occurs close to or in Yarra's entertainment precincts. This requires Council to appropriately manage the conflict between residential and other land users".

We therefore believe that extending the sale and consumption of alcohol to the rear courtyard without adequate noise and light attenuation fails to protect the amenity that residents are entitled. It would also not reflect the intention of the Night Time Economy Strategy to ensure the well-being of residents.

Martin Brennan, Chair  
December 1, 2020