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Town : baradine

State : nsw

Postcode : 2396

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Mobile Phone : na

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Details / the Baradine alcohol free zones is ok with me, they are the same as before and that has
Comments : worked ok

The Black Stump Inn
61 Binnia Street
Coolah NSW 2843

Fax

June 27th, 2019

Attention: Joanne Hadfield
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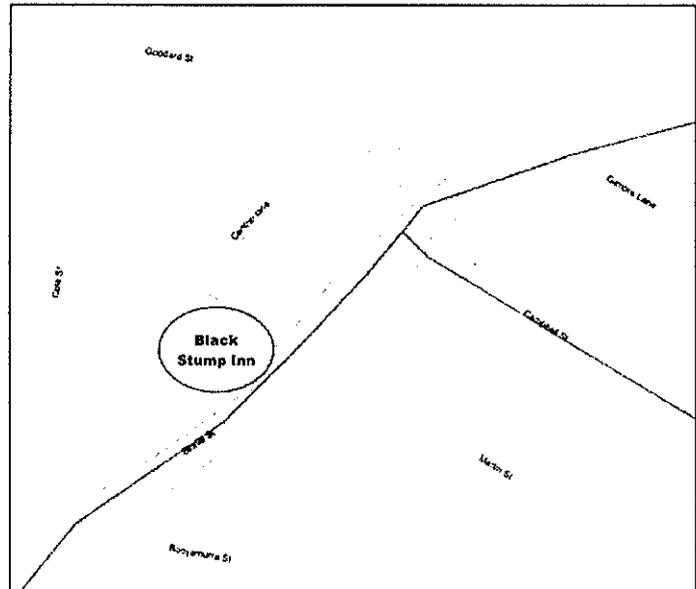
Dear Joanne,

Re: Proposed Alcohol Free Zones in Coolah

We recently received correspondence from Leeanne Ryan, Director Environment and Development Services, advising the proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones in Coolah, for a period of four years from the commencement date.

The **Black Stump Inn**, located at 61 Binnia Street (on the corner of Martin Street) is central to the area being specified.

The proprietors are currently working toward a 'Vibrant Shared Space' philosophy for the business, which will include outdoor tables & seating that has worked so well in other council areas, both in this state and others. It is our belief that the provision of outdoor areas, where families and groups can meet, eat, and socialise, could work very well within the small township of Coolah as a whole and should be promoted rather than restricted.



Grounds of the Objection

The introduction of an alcohol free zone encompassing the location of this business would be both detrimental to the township and the business.

We are bound by strict licensing regulations in the first instance without having more constraints put upon us.

Coolah has a small population of approximately 1,300 people, half of which comprises family groups, and the township and its many businesses service the wider farming community. It is a well documented fact that the mental health of many farmers and their families, has deteriorated in recent times, as a result of drought and other hardships. The community hub atmosphere provided by our establishment promotes the well being of individuals and family groups and provides a place where people can relax and enjoy time away from their normal routine.

Coolah has an almost even split of males & females in the community, and has only a very small percentage of indigenous people (just 4%) with an equally low unemployment rate. We believe it is our (and council's) obligation to encourage the local community to contribute to a 'Vibrant Shared Space' by the inclusion of:

- Art works in Outdoor Areas,
- Outdoor Stalls,
- Meal and Beverage Seating,
- Shared Garden Spaces,
- 'Men's Shed' type activities that aid in the utilisation of skills from the older community,
- the involvement of those that may be out of work temporarily or otherwise, and
- encouraging the original land owners and residents to display their heritage and be proud of their civic spaces.

The wide verandah area of the inn, lends itself to the provision of outdoor seating to *while* away an afternoon in the company of friends, or enjoy a meal whilst watching the passers by in a safe, social and affordable environment.

We actively promote the sponsorship of local sporting groups and can and do play host to post-sport activities & presentations.

Town centres are a place to be promoted, for entertainment, for consumers to shop, dine and catch up with friends and family and to showcase what the town offers;

- the people,
- the artwork,
- the heritage,
- the sporting achievements
- and the historical background of the community.

The Black Stump Inn proposes an initiative of 'Creative Communities' to improve and develop Outdoor Public Spaces and achieve 'Main Street Vibrancy'.

The concept behind Vibrant Spaces is that businesses can use the footpath, free of charge, in return for some innovative thinking and a common sense approach to adding colour, products, comfortable seating and lively entertainment onto the main streets.

The aim is to encourage people to stop, linger, shop and dine, which not only benefits local businesses, but makes for a more pleasant shopping and visitor experience with the aim of slowing down traffic, giving people a reason to stop & enjoy, and enticing them to extend their visit, or linger a little longer and enjoy what the township has to offer.

The NSW Small Business group have worked in recent years with a number of local councils and townships in NSW to help promote better *shared spaces*. Councils should take a leadership role in developing and facilitating community engagement in this type of initiative and the Black Stump Inn is more than happy to contribute to this discussion and the promotion of 'PROUD' in our local community.

We would welcome the council's input in this initiative, and are happy to meet or put forward a more detailed submission on how this would work to better the township of Coolah as a whole.

We thank you for the opportunity to raise this objection and look forward to finding mutually beneficial ways to improvement the Coolah town centre.

Kind Regards...

On Behalf of the Proprietor