

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Proposed Re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) – Stage 2

Impact level: Two (high, local)

Consultation period: 27 August 2021 to 27 September 2021

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1. Summary

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted from 27 August 2021 to 27 September 2021 as part of the Proposed Re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) project.

The feedback collected during consultation indicated a mixed response to AFZs generally and varied across the eight proposed zones.

Respondents who commented in support of proposed zones generally indicated that an AFZ would support their safety in the community, make public spaces more family-friendly, and would address alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the community.




Respondents who commented against the proposed zones generally indicated that there was insufficient need to regulate the area and that police have sufficient powers to deal with alcohol related behaviour without impacting everyone’s right to enjoy public space.

1.1. Key outcomes

The total number of visits to the Your Say AFZ landing page was 3917 and the number of visitors was 3439.

A total of 366 submissions were received via the eight Your Say pages created for each AFZ in review, and via email. This number includes one emailed submission in support of all AFZs and one additional emailed submission in relation to an area not subject of the current proposal.

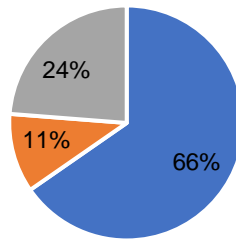
1.1.1 Avalon AFZ

	38		
Total unique responses			
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	Visitors: 359	Visits: 412	Av. time onsite: 1m7s
Have Your Say: visitation stats			
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	Online Your Say submission form	Completions: 38	
How responses were received			



Online sentiment question:

Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Avalon Alcohol Free Zone?



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined



Feedback themes

Ongoing issues

Feels safer

Zone boundary

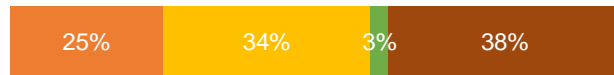
Over-regulation

Unnecessary



Gender¹

- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

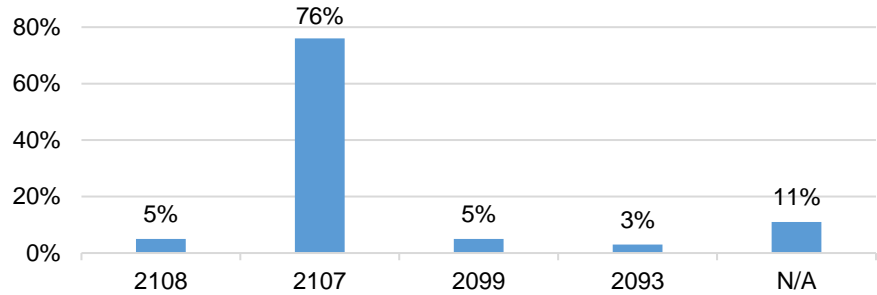


Age groups

- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A



Postcodes



1.1.2 Church Point AFZ



Total unique responses

53

¹ Demographic data in this report was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.



Have Your Say:
visitation stats

Visitors: 572

Visits: 629

Av. time onsite:
1m7s



How responses
were received

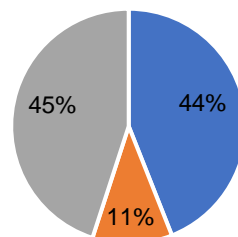
Online Your Say submission form

Completions: 53



Online sentiment
question:

**Overall, do you
support the re-
establishment of
the Church Point
Alcohol Free
Zone?**



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined



Feedback themes

Community hub

Over-regulation

Outdoor recreation

Ongoing issues

Enforcement

Zone boundary



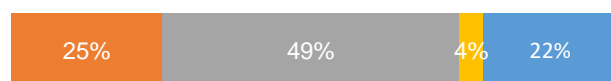
Gender

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- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

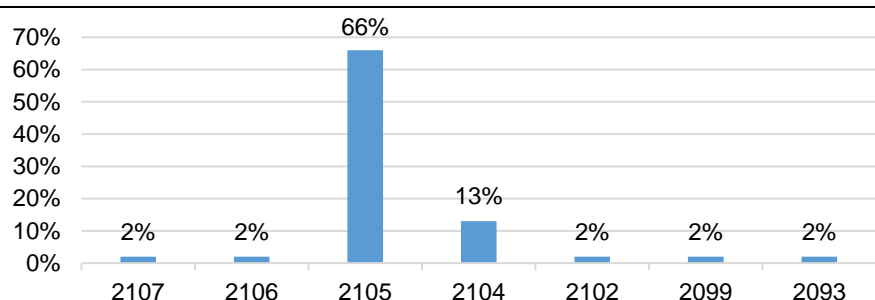


Age groups

- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A



Postcodes



1.1.3 Dee Why AFZ



Total unique responses

89



Have Your Say:
visitation stats

Visitors: 747

Visits: 851

Av. time onsite:
1m6s



How responses
were received

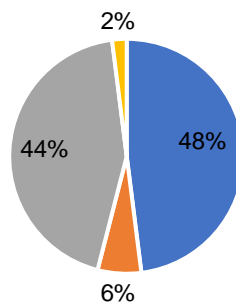
Online Your Say submission form

Completions: 89



Online sentiment
question:

**Overall, do you
support the re-
establishment of
the Dee Why
Alcohol Free
Zone?**



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined



Feedback themes

Ongoing issues
Over-regulation
Feels safer

Housing density
Outdoor recreation
Zone boundary



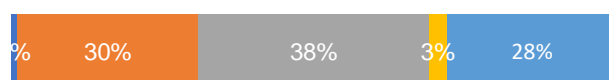
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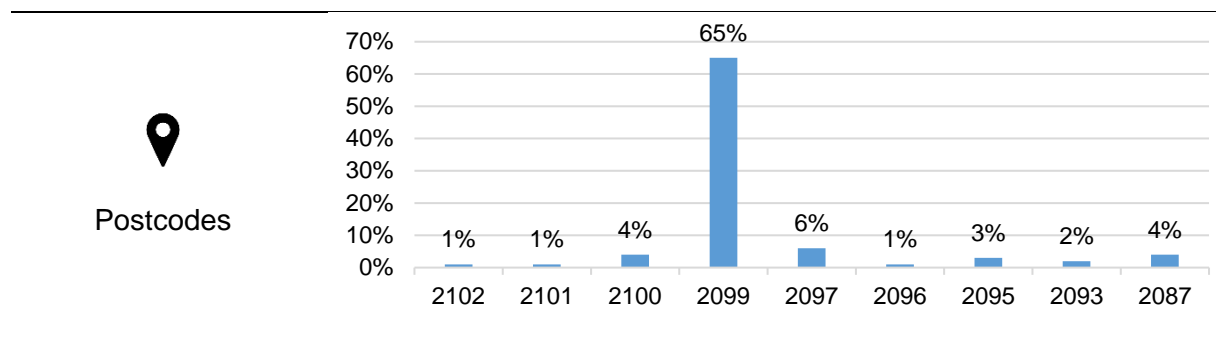
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- Female
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- N/A



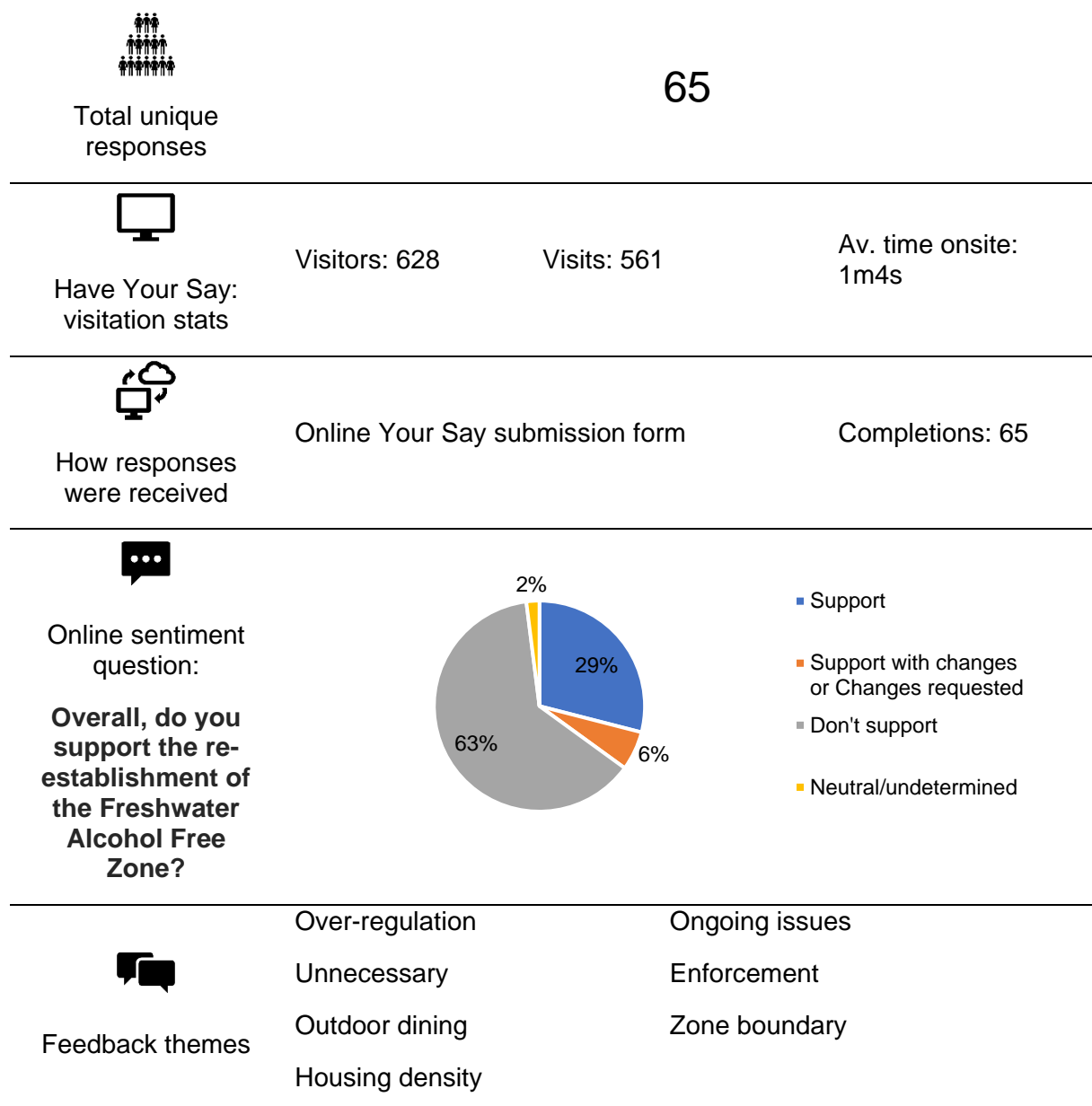
Age groups

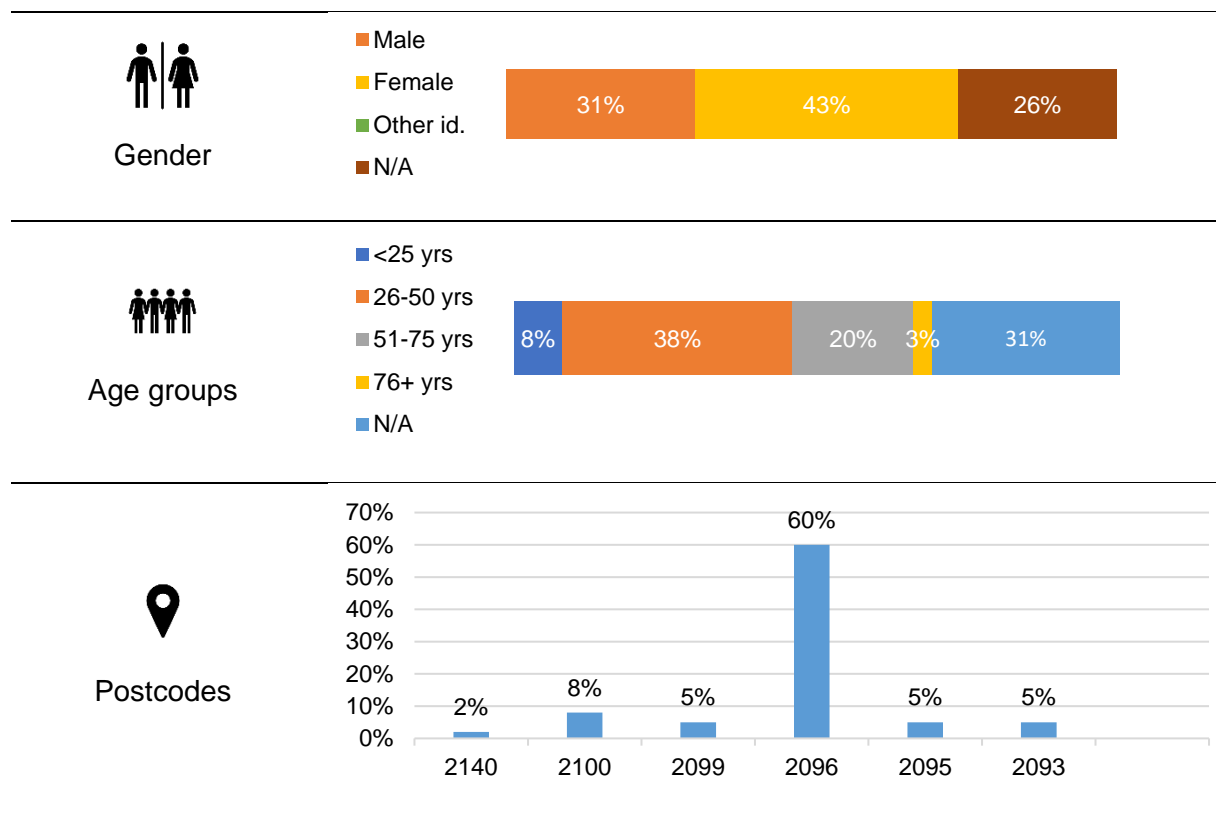
- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A



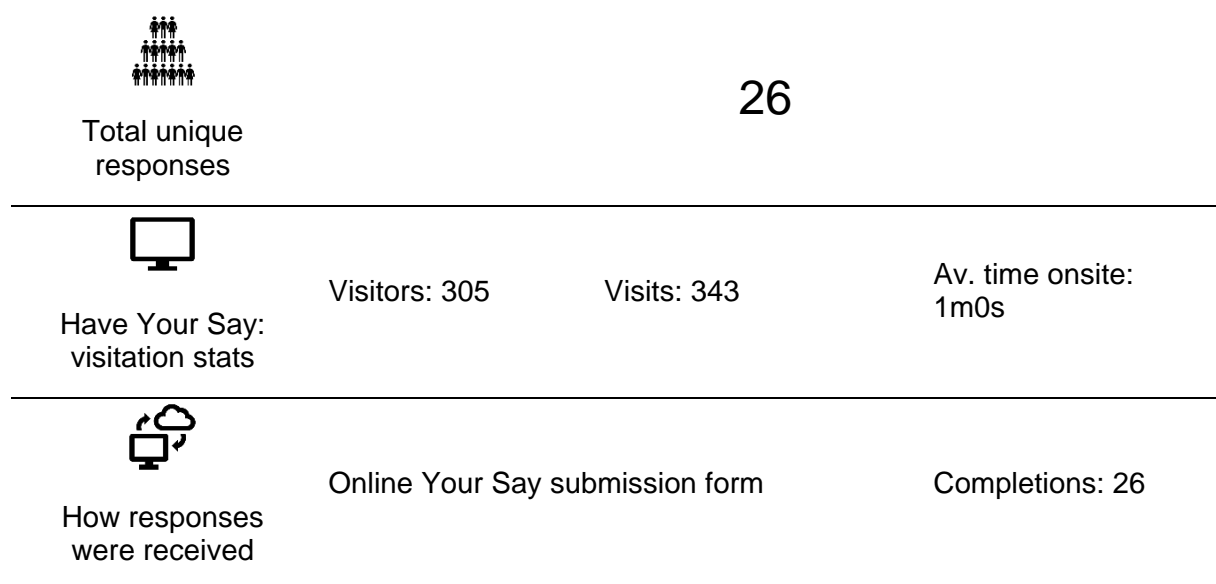


1.1.4 Freshwater AFZ





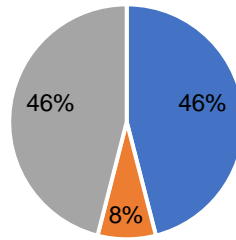
1.1.5 Mona Vale AFZ





Online sentiment question:

Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Mona Vale Alcohol Free Zone?



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined



Feedback themes

Over-regulation
Ongoing issues
Feels safer

Enforcement
Zone boundary



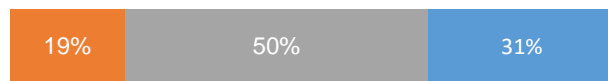
Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

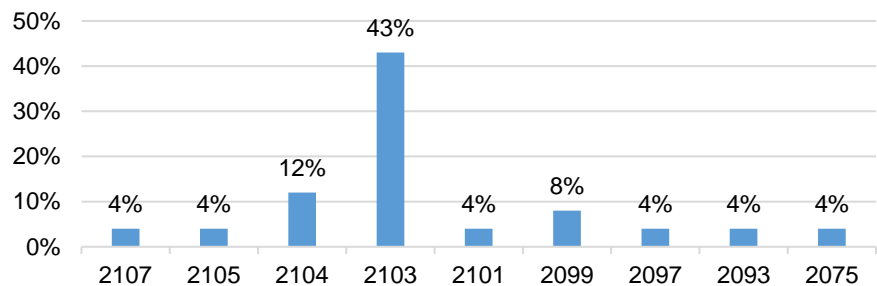


Age groups

- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A



Postcodes



1.1.6 Newport AFZ



Total unique responses

42



Have Your Say:
visitation stats

Visitors: 230

Visits: 263

Av. time onsite:
1m0s



How responses
were received

Online Your Say submission form

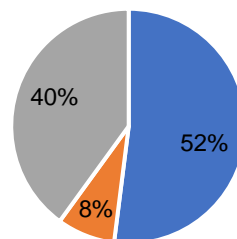
Completions: 40

Emailed submissions: 2



Online sentiment
question:

**Overall, do you
support the re-
establishment of
the Newport
Alcohol Free
Zone?**



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined



Feedback themes

Over regulation

Ongoing issues

Zone boundary

Village atmosphere



Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

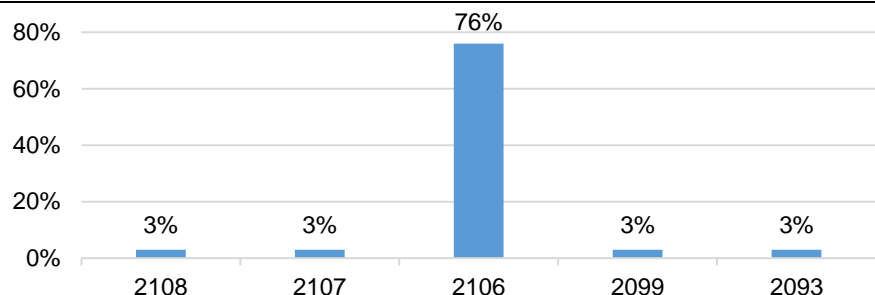


Age groups

- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A



Postcodes



1.1.7 Newport Residential AFZ



Total unique responses

29



Have Your Say:
visitation stats

Visitors: 158

Visits: 177

Av. time onsite: 56s



How responses were received

Online Your Say submission form

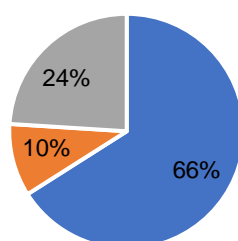
Completions: 28

Emailed submissions: 1



Online sentiment question:

Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Newport Residential Alcohol Free Zone?



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined



Feedback themes

Ongoing issues

Enforcement

Feels safer

Over-regulation

Zone boundary



Gender

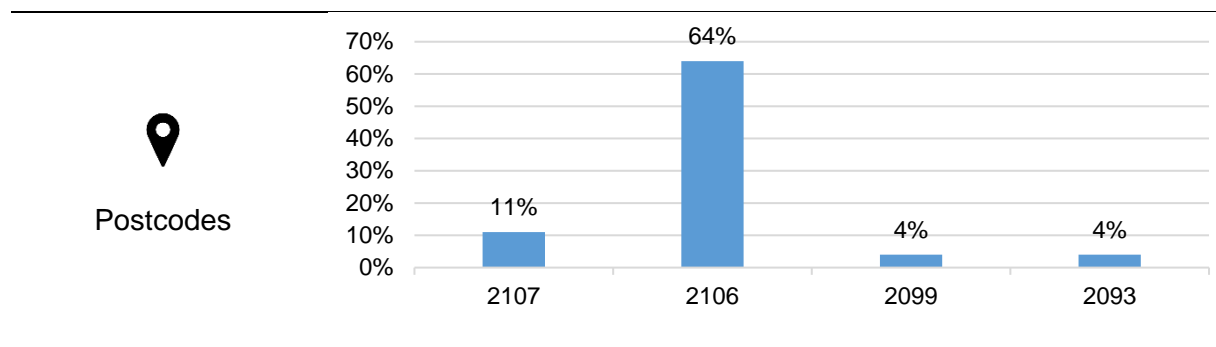
- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A



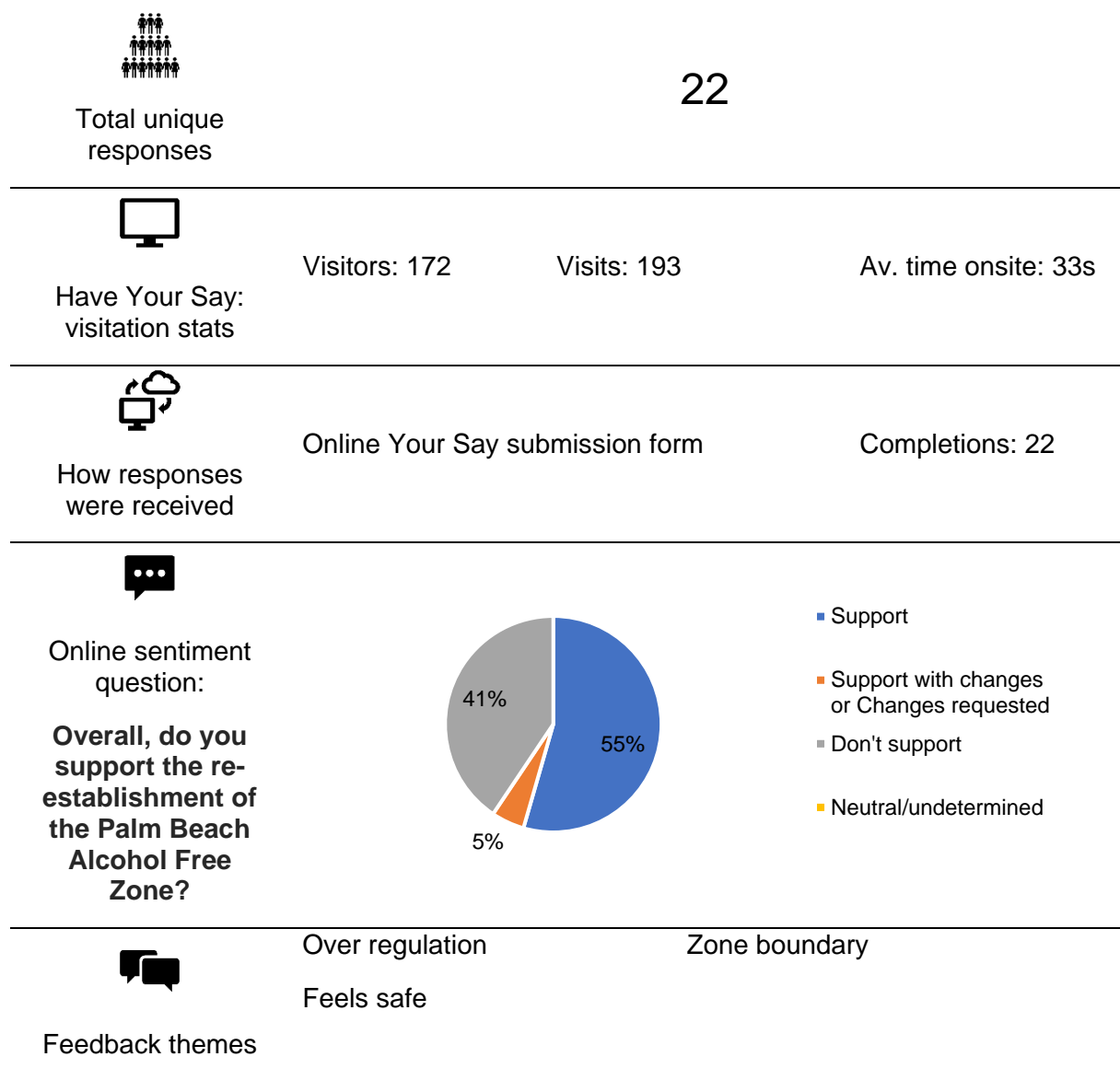
Age groups

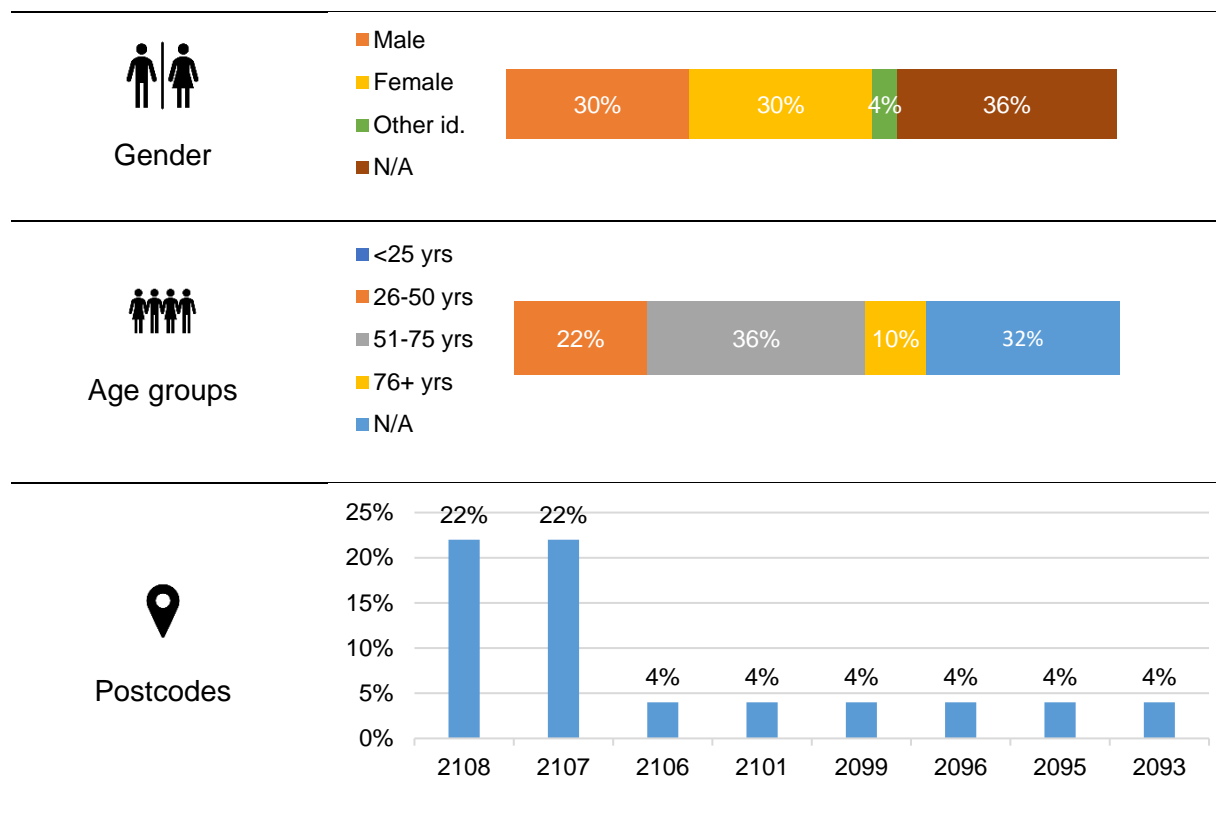
- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A







1.1.2 Palm Beach AFZ





1.2. How we engaged

 Print media and collateral	Northern Beaches review: 1 advert	Distribution: 65,000
	Site signs used: Yes in all AFZ locations	Number of signs: 45
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions	Distribution: 20,000 subscribers
	Council (weekly) e-News: 3 editions Stakeholder email: 68	Distribution: 150,000 subscribers

2. Background

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones project from 27 August 2021 to 27 September 2021.

Existing AFZs in Avalon, Church Point, Dee Why, Freshwater, Mona Vale, Newport, Newport Residential, and Palm Beach are set to expire on 9 December 2021. Council is seeking to re-establish these eight AFZs for a further period of up to 4 years.

The establishment and re-establishment of AFZs require community consultation as per Sections 644, 644A, 644B, 644C and 646 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the associated Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones 2009.

On 24 August 2021, Council endorsed the public exhibition of the proposal to re-establish these Alcohol Free Zones.

Council considers submissions from the community and police in determining the suitability of re-establishing these AFZs.

3. Engagement objectives

- Objective 1: build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities (inform)
- Objective 2: provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform)
- Objective 3: identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult)

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones project was over a four-week period from 27 August 2021 to 27 September 2021.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Matrix (2017). The full documented engagement approach is outlined in the Proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones part 2 Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Aug 2021).

A project page² was established on our Have Your Say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format. There was a main page with general information about the review of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) that linked to project pages for each of the eight AFZs in review during the consultation period. These pages included information about the AFZ boundaries and a site map.

The project was primarily promoted through onsite signage, our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels and stakeholder notifications. We also included an advertisement in the Northern Beaches Review.

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the Have Your Say project page for each AFZ in review. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written comments were also invited. Contact details for the project manager were provided as a channel for the community to ask any questions about this project.

² <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/proposed-re-establishment-alcohol-free-zones>

In line with the requirements of the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones, correspondence seeking submissions was forwarded to the Northern Beaches Police Area Command, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Aboriginal Heritage Office and 58 Liquor Licensees adjoining the zones.

5. Findings

Some common issues evident in submissions across proposed zones include:

- 27 respondents expressed a concern that AFZs are unnecessary, an over-regulation by Council and an infringement on their personal freedoms
- 21 respondents report ongoing alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the of areas currently under review, either in the AFZ or in adjacent streets, parks and reserves
- 7 respondents who support the re-establishment of AFZs report that they feel safer with these zones designated
- 6 respondents requested increased enforcement of AFZs
- There was a clear indication from several respondents that this consultation has been undertaken during a period of public health orders (COVID-19) and the community is fatigued by restrictions
- 17 submissions requested extensions to the proposed zones. Several more requests were made to establishment additional AFZs in areas outside the boundaries of the AFZs currently under review
- Some respondents submitted the same comment across several or all proposed AFZs
- Some respondents mentioned multiple themes in their submission
- There were often mixed views relating to whether a community is experiencing issues with alcohol related antisocial behaviour or not
- Some submissions related to areas outside the scope of this project, for example consumption of alcohols in parks and alcohol related issues in other suburbs.

A range of further observations raised by the community during this consultation process will be considered by Council in future examination of the alcohol restriction program, as well as in social and place planning. These issues include:

- The desire to be able to consume alcohol in public spaces in a responsible manner, without regulation
- A perception that the responsible public consumption of alcohol does not negatively impact the community
- An increase in high density housing is changing the way many of us live and public spaces are increasingly becoming our shared backyard
- Social hubs in public spaces as an important aspect of community interaction and tradition

- The move to outdoor and public socialising due to public health orders and the development of a village atmosphere.

See below a breakdown of the findings for each of the eight AFZs in review.

5.1. Avalon AFZ

Of the 38 submissions received 29 (77%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (66%), or with changes (11%). Comments from those who support the re-establishment of this AFZ include ongoing issues with alcohol related antisocial behaviour and an increased feeling of safety with restrictions in place. Some respondents questioned the need for and effectiveness of an AFZ in this area and expressed a feeling of over-regulation.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>2 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>5 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	4 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related anti-social behaviour.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.

Feels safer	<p>2 submissions expressed an increased feeling of safety in the AFZ.</p> <p>1 submission noted the positive impact of the AFZ.</p>	<p>Council is committed to providing a safe environment for community members and visitors to travel in.</p> <p>Council is committed to maximising public safety and ensuring that open public spaces are safe and facilitate the healthy and active lifestyle that is important to the community.</p>
Zone boundary	<p>1 request has been received for an extended zone in Avalon.</p> <p>1 request has been received for an additional AFZ in the Paradise Beach area (outside the scope of this review).</p> <p>1 request has been received for the exclusion of south Avalon Headland carpark from the zone on the basis that it is a tradition among locals to gather and consume alcohol in that area.</p>	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police.</p> <p>Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p>

5.2. Church Point AFZ

Of the 53 submissions received 29 (55%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (44%), or with changes (11%). There was a mixed response in submissions, particularly in relation to the use of the area as a social hub for onshore and offshore residents. While some respondents perceive this as a practice and tradition that is an important aspect of the community, others expressed that this activity negatively impacts community use of this shared space.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Community hub	8 submissions identify this area as a social hub for the onshore and offshore communities.	<p>Council is committed to providing open spaces that support community participation in an active and healthy lifestyle, and a connected community.</p> <p>The re-establishment of AFZ in this area would apply to footpaths and streets and carparks only and is intended to increase safety, reduce antisocial behaviour in shared open spaces, and support for the enjoyment of all.</p>

Outdoor recreation	<p>6 submissions made reference to alcohol consumption in parks and reserves.</p> <p>2 respondents requested an extension of AFZs to beach and reserves</p>	<p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website.</p>
Over-regulation	<p>4 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>2 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	<p>3 submissions identified continuing issues of public drunkenness and/or alcohol related anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.</p>
Enforcement	<p>1 submission noted that policing of the current zone is not apparent.</p>	<p>Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related anti-social behaviour in AFZs.</p> <p>AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable</p>

		<p>cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.</p> <p>Anyone refusing to co-operate with an enforcement officer request to hand over alcohol can be charged with obstruction, which carries a maximum penalty of up to \$2200.</p>
Zone boundary	<p>3 requests have been received for an extended zone in Church Point to include reserve and wharf areas.</p> <p>1 request was received to exclude a section of boardwalk from the AFZ.</p>	<p>The requests received for extensions relate to areas outside the scope of Alcohol Free Zones. AFZs are only able to be applied to public roads, street footpaths and carparks.</p>

5.3. Dee Why AFZ

Of the 89 submissions received 48 (54%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (48%), or with changes (6%). While several respondents expressed the position that an AFZ is not needed in this area several others shared their observations of a high level of ongoing alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the proposed zone. Several of the unsupportive submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation of the community.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>6 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>6 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p> <p>2 submissions refer to Police already having powers to address alcohol related behaviour.</p> <p>1 submission observed that the current AFZ has not impacted drinking in these areas.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for</p>

		specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.
Outdoor recreation	<p>6 submissions made reference to alcohol consumption in parks and reserves.</p> <p>2 respondents requested an extension of AFZs to beach and reserves</p>	<p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website.</p>
Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	5 submissions identified continuing issues of public drunkenness and/or alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the area.	<p>Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.</p> <p>AFZs apply only to public roads, footpaths and carparks and cannot be applied to parks and reserves. Council has noted the issues of concerns and will assess and consider alternative strategies in these areas.</p>
Feels safer	2 submissions expressed an increased feeling of safety in the AFZ.	<p>Council is committed to providing a safe environment for community members and visitors to travel in.</p> <p>Council is committed to maximising public safety and ensuring that open public spaces are safe and facilitate the healthy and active lifestyle that is important to the community.</p>
Housing density	<p>1 respondent noted that an increase in housing density is changing the way many of us live and that public spaces are becoming our shared backyard.</p> <p>1 respondent noted that AFZs support peaceful living in densely populated areas.</p>	<p>Council acknowledges population increases in the community and the changes to the way we live.</p> <p>Socialising and consuming alcohol in parks and reserves is not impacted by the designation of an area as an AFZ.</p>

Zone boundary	<p>2 submissions queried why the area surrounding the RSL is not part of the AFZ.</p> <p>3 requests have been received for an extended zone in Dee Why.</p> <p>1 request has been received to limit the AFZ to cover the shopping precinct adjacent to Pittwater Road only.</p>	<p>The area surrounding the RSL has previously been designated an AFZ. AFZs are reviewed at least every 4 years and consultation with Police and the community can result in an AFZ being established, expanded, reduced or deleted.</p> <p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police.</p> <p>Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p>
AFZs outside the scope of the current review	<p>1 submission enquired about the AFZs in Cromer and Brookvale.</p>	<p>In June and July 2021 Council conducted community engagement on 6 AFZs in Belrose, Brookvale, Collaroy, Cromer, Forestville and Narrabeen.</p> <p>At the meeting on 27 July 2021 Council endorsed the re-establishment of those 6 AFZs for a period of 4 years, from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2025.</p>

5.4. Freshwater AFZ

Of the 65 submissions received 23 (35%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (29%), or with changes (6%). The significant majority of respondents (63%) do not support re-establishment of AFZ with many respondents expressing a view that the AFZ is unnecessary in Freshwater and is an over-regulation of the community.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>8 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>5 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p>

		<p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Outdoor recreation	<p>3 submissions expressed concern the AFZ would impact their ability to picnic in parks.</p> <p>2 respondents requested an extension of AFZs to beach and reserves</p>	<p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website.</p>
Outdoor dining	<p>2 submissions expressed concern for impact of AFZs on the ability of community members to participate in outdoor dining at cafes and restaurants.</p>	<p>Re-establishing these Alcohol Free Zones will not restrict existing liquor licences within approved outdoor dining areas. If the café/restaurant has a liquor licence for the outdoor dining area and community members are currently enjoying outdoor dining in this location, this will not change.</p> <p>When determining new applications for outdoor dining, Council considers many factors including existing or planned AFZs. AFZs do not preclude an outdoor dining application from being approved nor from the businesses ability to apply for a liquor licence for this area.</p> <p>The Ministerial Guidelines for Alcohol Free Zones state that 'In some circumstances an alcohol-free zone may be proposed for</p>

		an area that includes footpath alfresco dining areas for cafés and restaurants which fall within the zone. When a council issues a licence for the use of public footpaths for such dining use in an alcohol-free zone, it must impose conditions on the licensee (eg restaurant operator) about the requirements of the zone, including clear delineation and control of the licensed area from the alcohol-free zone.'
Enforcement	2 submissions made the observation that Police and Ranger patrols would be an alternative to AFZ.	Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related anti-social behaviour in AFZs. AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	1 submission identified continuing issues of alcohol related anti-social behaviour.	This park location falls outside the scope of this review. Council acknowledges these issues however and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community. Council will also assess and consider alternative strategies in these areas.
Housing density	1 respondent noted that an increase in medium density housing is changing the way many of us live and that public spaces are becoming our shared backyard.	Council acknowledges population increases in the community and the changes to the way we live. Socialising and consuming alcohol in parks and reserves is not impacted by the designation of an area as an AFZ.
Zone boundary	2 requests have been received for an extended zone in Freshwater.	All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police. Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress

		to public consultation if appropriate.
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5.5. Mona Vale AFZ

Of the 26 submissions received 14 (54%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (46%), or with changes (8%). The majority of the community has expressed a preference for the AFZ to be re-established. Comments suggest this support has a view to impacting alcohol related antisocial behaviour that primarily occurs in connection with patrons outside and leaving licensed premises.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>1 submission observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>2 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p> <p>2 submissions expressed the belief that addressing alcohol related behaviour is a policing issue and not Council business.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	2 submissions advised of areas where evidence of alcohol related antisocial behaviour is observed.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Feels safer	2 submissions expressed an increased feeling of safety in the AFZ.	Council is committed to providing a safe environment for community members and visitors to travel in.

		Council is committed to maximising public safety and ensuring that open public spaces are safe and facilitate the healthy and active lifestyle that is important to the community.
Enforcement	1 submission requested increased policing of the AFZ.	<p>Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related anti-social behaviour in AFZs.</p> <p>AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.</p> <p>Anyone refusing to co-operate with an enforcement officer request to hand over alcohol can be charged with obstruction, which carries a maximum penalty of up to \$2200.</p>
Zone boundary	2 requests have been received for an extended zone in Mona Vale.	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police.</p> <p>Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p>

5.6. Newport AFZ

Of the 42 submissions received 25 (60%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (52%), or with changes (8%). The majority of respondents support the re-establishment of the AFZ, with comments indicating ongoing street drinking activity in the area. The majority of comments received however expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation of the community.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>4 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>4 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with</p>

	<p>regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p> <p>2 submissions expressed the belief that addressing alcohol related behaviour is a policing issue.</p>	<p>the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	2 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related anti-social behaviour.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Village atmosphere	<p>1 respondent noted increased socialising in outdoor community spaces during public health orders and suggested Council take the opportunity to build a village atmosphere.</p> <p>1 respondent noted a desire to support businesses who are operating differently due to public health orders eg. outdoor dining and takeaway liquor sales.</p>	<p>Council recognises that COVID-19 has significantly impacted on our ability to enjoy our usual lifestyle and to connect with neighbours, friends and family.</p> <p>Council is working with local service providers to support the community and provide open spaces that support community participation in an active and healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>AFZs do not impact the ability of a business to apply for or maintain an outdoor liquor license. The sale of takeaway liquor is not impacted by an AFZ, however the ability to consume that alcohol in an AFZ is prohibited.</p>
Zone boundary	<p>1 request has been received for an extended zone in Newport.</p> <p>2 further submissions requested that reserves be designated as an AFZ.</p>	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police.</p> <p>Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This</p>

		<p>consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p> <p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website.</p>
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5.7. Newport Residential AFZ

Of the 29 submissions received 22 (76%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (66%), or with changes (10%). Several comments relate to the continuing issue of people approaching/leaving licensed premises while continuing to consume alcohol and creating a disturbance.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	5 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related anti-social behaviour.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Enforcement	2 submissions requested increased policing of the AFZ.	<p>Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related anti-social behaviour in AFZs.</p> <p>AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.</p> <p>Anyone refusing to co-operate with an enforcement officer request to hand over alcohol can be charged with obstruction, which carries a maximum penalty of up to \$2200.</p>
Feels safer	1 submission expressed an increased feeling of safety in the AFZ.	Council is committed to providing a safe environment for

		<p>community members and visitors to travel in.</p> <p>Council is committed to maximising public safety and ensuring that open public spaces are safe and facilitate the healthy and active lifestyle that is important to the community.</p>
Over-regulation	1 submission expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Zone boundary	1 request has been received for an extended zone in Newport Residential.	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police.</p> <p>Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p>

5.8. Palm Beach AFZ

Of the 22 submissions received 13 (60%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (55%), or with changes (5%). The small number of comments received were mixed, reflecting both a feeling of over-regulation and a desire for an extended zone.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>1 submission observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>2 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Positive impact	<p>1 submission noted that the AFZ has had a positive impact on the area.</p>	<p>Council is committed to providing a safe environment for community members and visitors to travel in.</p> <p>Council is committed to maximising public safety and ensuring that open public spaces are safe and facilitate the healthy and active lifestyle that is important to the community.</p>
Zone boundary	<p>2 requests have been received for an extended zone in Palm Beach.</p>	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police.</p>

	<p>1 of those requests included a grassed area.</p>	<p>Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p> <p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website.</p>
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See below issue submitted across all areas

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Vulnerable population	<p>1 respondent made submission across each of the proposed AFZs which expressed the view that AFZs target vulnerable populations.</p>	<p>The purpose of AFZs on the Northern Beaches is to support the delivery of safe shared public spaces, to decrease antisocial behaviour and deter crime.</p> <p>AFZs are not required by police to address underage drinking.</p> <p>Council conducts significant work with service providers in support of young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people are not targeted with this tool, rather Council works with police and local service providers to ensure these groups are supported.</p>

Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Some of the online Your Say submissions do not appear in this table as the respondent only answered the sentiment question and did not provide further comment.

a) Comments received in online submissions

Avalon

Number	Comment/submission
1	<p>Tge RSL beer garden is part if Dunbar park leased from council FOR the purposes of drinking and smoking. This results in violent noisy and frankly rancid beha iour on Dunbar park many nights and a vacant walled off park many mornings. This is even more ridiculous when the unwalled part of Dunbar Park is increasingly crowded and traffic worn during the morning, while the walled part lies vacant for hours. It is ridiculous to lease part of this park as a fenced off beergarden which is empty and unused until it is opened in the afternoon FOR THE SEDENTARY UNHEALTHY and ELSEWHERE ILLEGAL purposes of drinking and smoking.</p> <p>Please consider this in your remapping of alcohol free zones in Avalon.</p> <p>Faithfully,</p>
2	Alcohol free zones are unnecessary
3	The community as a whole feels safer (and quieter) when AFZones are implemented.
4	I visit here on weekend evenings and current rules appear to mainly work. So in fa our of continuance.
5	<p>I think that people should be allowed to have a quiet beer in these areas . Why stop the bulk of people who are well behaved and responsible to deal with a select few who choose to behave inappropriately.</p> <p>Education is better than regulation. Perhaps we should trial not having alcohol free zones again, with the continuation of it being incumbent on people's behavior. Support this with an education and information campaign.</p>
6	I would like the alcohol free zone extended along the path bordering Careel Creek (behind Barrenjoey High School and throughout Marine Parade near the Montessori School. From signage there was one there until about 2017 and since then there is a higher incidence of rubbish and glass left littered in that area. This is dangerous to runners, bike riders, dog walkers and children.
7	<p>Stop it with all of the rules.</p> <p>This is not the right way to promote good behaviour.</p> <p>We need to be more like Europe than America with regards to policing people!</p>
8	Please include Paradise Beach Precinct as it a Residential area which has increasingly become a "go to, out of sight, water hole" worsening already untenable car parking issues and bad language, bad and aggressive behaviour.
9	Stop trying to police everything
10	I support the orderly use of these streets for families without the threat of alcohol fuelled abuse and/or violence.
11	Loosen up and open up. Way too many rules and regulations, If you want to do something useful come down hard on the local bottle shops for selling to underage drinkers who are the problem and disregard the law anyway.

*Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

12	In general there is no violence in Avalon due to alcohol or people enjoying a beer on a Friday or Saturday afternoon. It is mostly parents together having a drink or others finishing up work. Completely ridiculous we cannot just have people take own responsibility on this matter. Northern beaches council is already a policy and police council and you shouldn't police this matter as well. Just leave it up to residents to take responsibility and address others doing the right thing.
13	Support as it does not mean not having a picnic with a glass of wine, etc in a public park and as long at that includes beach parks and beaches.
14	Fully support re-establishment. Difficult to police though. We live in one of these streets and (pre-Covid), there were often problems with drinking and partying on the roads/paths, as people get off public transport, or leave parties, then walk into Avalon while drinking - smashing bottles and littering as they go. Every little bit helps though. Thank you.
15	I don't support AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, homeless and other vulnerable groups
16	Such areas should never be gathering places, and alcohol is inappropriate. However excess alcohol consumption in public areas like parks and beaches is also unacceptable.
17	It is a tradition for people to go to south Avalon headland to watch the surfers around sunset in their cars. This should be exempt from the AFZ.
18	There has been a noticeable increase in Alchahol consumption near the skateboard park , the grassed area next to the surf club and the top car park, which many people see as a meeting point probably because the food truck has trained people to use the space. There seems to be little oversight by police (there based in Dee Why) and council Rangers have not been overly visible. Yes these specific areas need targeting and the consumption of alchahol banned. Turning of the lights a dusk at the skateboard park would have a huge impact on anti social behaviour.

Church Point

Number	Comment/submission
1	I believe the area is poorly suited to be an alcohol free zone, with two restaurants serving alcohol, and a take away liquore store. On Saturdays and Sundays it is a pleasant atmosphere and I haven't seen any antisocial behaviour based on alcohole abuse.
2	Its a commuter area used by school children going and coming back from school. This space is also used by people exercising by walking ,jogging, picnicking, mothers with their children, people with kayaks it's not the place for drinking alcohol. Its a commuter area for people living off shore.
3	Hi, As a local resident I am happy for the AFZ to include the carpark and Pittwater road but it must exclude the new boardwalk from the Old Ferry wharf to the small reserve to the north of Cargo wharf. This is a popular spot on a sunny afternoon to watch the sun go down with a glass of wine. Seating has now been built as part of the boardwalk so it makes sense to exclude the boardwalk as it is now for all purposes used as a Reserve which are excluded from AFZ. Many thanks,
4	You need to include the area between the Church Point General store and the Pasadena. This are is public land and is a walk way for passengers to the ferry wharf to Scotland island.

	Drunk men sit there all day and get aggressive and rude. What will you do about this area ?
5	<p>The current Zone is not being Policed.</p> <p>Every afternoon from 2 or 3 o'clock, the square at the ferry wharf turns into a public bar with people drinking out of bottles wrapped in brown per bags. The ready availability of alcohol from The Waterfront General Store is the facilitator.</p> <p>The practice finishes the location.</p>
6	<p>There is adequate space in the Cafes/Restaurants, Decking and the grassed area along the shoreline near the car park to drink Alcohol.</p> <p>It isn't appropriate to have people drinking on roads, or in Car Parks. Those areas are incredibly busy with vehicular movements. The areas under consideration are under considerable strain with the sheer numbers of vehicles coming and going in all directions, on weekends and holiday periods. To add Alcohol into that mix doesn't make sense and would be an accident waiting to happen.</p>
7	The public should be able to enjoy Church Point and the Pittwater views with a drink in hand if they would like to.
8	Church point is the gathering of Friday night drinks. A time to unwind with the local community. Make it alcohol free and you break the spirit. Don't spoil a tradition
9	This is an important social hub for the community, particularly when lockdowns restrict people's ability to connect. It's a place where people can connect over a glass outdoors safely.
10	Church Point is a great communal location with a wide range of beach locations where people can picnic. If they want a beer then this should not subject them to a possible fine as long as done responsibly.
11	Church Point residents are adults and can be trusted to drink socially and responsibly in public as well as home.
12	Why are these areas considered to be a problem? I've never seen people drinking on the path or in the car park. Where people do have a drink acts as a community hub for the offshore community.
13	The West Pittwater Community Association notes and supports the re-establishment of the Church Point Alcohol Free Zone
14	<p>To include -</p> <p>Cargo wharf</p> <p>Church Point outdoor area between the Pasadena and the Waterfront Cafe.</p>
15	Having a glass of wine or a cool cider/ beer after a long day is a treat especially sitting in the park looking at Pittwater chatting to friends. This is equivalent to going to the local pub for us. Sadly there is always some goose that has to many and ruins it for everyone, this also happens in every pub/ hotel on a daily basis. Please don't take this away.
16	Church point is a great area for the community to meet. There are not many areas that really have that strong community connection. Having a drink and a chat go hand in hand.
17	Yes, this should be re-established. And the extension of the liquor licence of the pasadena should be blocked.
18	The AFZ must include the proposed AND the reserves and waterfront areas. This is a zone highly used by the local community and families. I would not support the consumption of alcohol in this family area, where most kids walk barefoot throughout summer. I do not support the loading loading of the area with non-local community members with the high probability of drunkenness and misbehaviour.

19	I don't believe drinking outdoors there is harming anyone. If it is then I will change my thoughts. I pass through here but do not partake but do not have issue with people enjoying the outdoors with friends with a drink.
20	There is no problem whatsoever, what exactly are you trying to fix? How will you enforce it? If you have some cash to throw around, try doing something useful with it and sort out the parking. This is just the kind of pointless, unnecessary waste of time and energy that infuriates offshore residents. Please either leave us alone, or actually do something (for once) that benefits the community. The councils performance since amalgamation has been shocking, you should hang your heads in shame.
21	I support the proposed alcohol free zone. There is plenty of pleasant places for social drinking in the Thomas Stevens Reserve and under the trees by the beach fronting the car park at Church Point. It can be unpleasant confronting drunkenness along the foot path outside the Pasadena building, and in the car park areas.
22	I would like the AFZ to be extended to include Thomas Stevens Reserve. I have been a long term resident for over 15yrs and have always been disappointed to see groups of residents drinking in the Reserve between the General Store & Pasadena. With these 2 venues for formal drinking and an option for people to drink at home, I do not believe it is necessary to have drinking in this public place. There is no system to monitor behaviour or level of drinking, consistent with the "responsible service of alcohol" at venues.
23	The offshore community deserves a hub where people can meet and connect. Having a glass of wine on a table in the sunshine with my girlfriends before we all head home to our busy lives is so important. Like all situations, excess alcohol should not be tolerated, but I have lived amongst the offshore community for 20 years and I can count on one hand the times I've seen someone drink too much, and the community always keep things under control. There is no difference to this outdoor area than any area in a outdoor cafe, restaurant or bar, except That this is a place where a whole community connects. I would hate to see that changed.
24	This is a very popular spot for the local offshore people to stop off on their way home offshore to socialise. Alcohol consumption is self managed and does not present a problem to other users of the Reserve.
25	This is a good thing. Let's keep the no alcohol zone. Thanks
26	I am not sure the configuration of car park circulation and access shown on the map is correct. I understand the re-establishment keeps the status quo.
27	I avoid the area on Friday evenings because of the drunkenness at Church Point. There is Pasadena & Waterfront Cafe there where people can responsibly drink alcohol with a meal
28	I oppose AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people.

Dee Why

Number	Comment/submission
1	Alcohol free zones are unnecessary
2	To include the reserves and beach at Dee Why
3	Due to covid the alcohol free zones should be abolished, giving more enjoyment for everyone outdoors.
4	Not required here.
5	Too many rules and regulations, excessive red tape.
6	The roads around the RSL should be alcohol free as well (Dee why parade etc)
7	We fully support this move to continue the AFZ in our area.

8	I live on Richmond Avenue and have not noticed alcohol issues, so didnt think we had any reason to introduce more workload for the council/police to now enforce.
9	Ridiculous idea beaches council
10	The current system seems to work so I am in favour of its continuance
11	At the moment, groups of older people sit in the bus shelter on Howard Ave opposite the Plaza and consume alcohol. Older people also sit in the park, on benches, adjacent to Walter Gors Park and consume alcohol. Older people also sit on benches in the walkway between Oaks Ave and Howard Ave, adjacent to the Post Office, and consume alcohol. All of this is in broad daylight seven days a week! It seems there is no regard for the Alcohol Free Zone. It's not a good look and brings down the tone of the area. It's also visible to young children and teenagers. Not a good message to be sending. Will anything change when the AFZ is re-established? I must also point out that these people are shoulder to shoulder and not a mask in sight!
12	What is the point for the AFZ given they only cover roads, pavements and car parks?
13	Safety first and I feel sitting and socialising in a designated place is more appropriate.
14	Are you saying you can not go to the beach and picnic and have a drink! Really?!?!?
15	This is unnecessary - if people want to have alcoholic drinks on the beach front and are not being anti-social in any way then they should be permitted to do that. We've had quite enough rules imposed for one year.
16	As a ratepayer with property in the designated area I totally SUPPORT AFZs
17	Dee Why is a community of apartment living. So the opportunity to socialise is limited indoors. There are very few examples of antisocial drinking behaviour in the local streets and all these orders do is reduce the opportunity for peaceful enjoyment in public areas. There are plenty of laws to keep the peace and the local police station is close by.
18	Supports peaceful enjoyment in densely populated residential areas of Dee Why.
19	1. Increase the northern boundary to Hawkesbury Ave. More logical geographically, so easier for people to understand & comply. 2. Include the little reserves that are within this precinct. That's where a lot of the problems are now, with groups of people who regularly meet to hang around on the park benches & swill alcohol out of bottles in brown paper bags, etc. Really bad optics for little kids who are using the play equipment, families waiting for taxis, etc. At night, magnets for alcohol-binging teens. 3. Surely people can spend some time enjoying the amenities of this precinct without having to pour grog down their throats? You want a Big Picnic, you go to a big reserve.
20	I have clicked neutral. There is no justification given for the the establishment of the existing AFZ or for the re-establishment. Was there a problem and has the AFZ fixed it? I live in Dee Why and was not aware of a problem.
21	Banning drinking in car parks and road I would agree with. But a bottle of wine on the beach front grassed area should be allowed. Most people are responsible, we can't restrict everyone for a few who do the wrong thing.
22	It is great that we can still enjoy a glass of wine in the park by our beautiful beach. Thank you, former beach resident now in retirement village but still come to DY at least twice a week.
23	We have constant empty beer bottles an occasional broken bottles left outside our unit block in Oaks Ave. Occasionally we have noise emitting as well from the street
24	how about you have more patrol or at least a patrol of either police or council rangers. this will stop anti social activities.
25	I support the continuation of AFZ's in Dee Why

26	AFZ's are not a good solution to the alcohol problems and people ignore the rules anyway. They are nanny state rules that in practice are hard/impossible to consistently enforce anyway.
27	If someone wants to drink a beer, just like a can of soft drink as they walk down to the beach to meet friends - let them. We have laws in place which would allow police to deal with unruly behaviour. This proposal contains no information to why we are doing this or any data behind the decision to pursue this proposal - I would welcome this kind of information in proposals so we are better informed as to why these are being put forward.
28	I don't agree that we need any further rules on alcohol consumption in recreational areas. I believe this should be modified to only designate shopping areas adjacent to Pittwater road as Alcohol free zones
29	There is absolutely no reason for an alcohol free zone at Dee Why beach area. We have lived here for decades and have no knowledge of alcohol related incidents. It looks like someone is trying to solve a problem that does not exist. Happy to contribute to the discussion in any way
30	Should have some control over the drinking in the parks . Picnic ? yes. Alcohol ? only, ?.
31	The AFZ should only cover the beach & surrounds. Who is affected if I walk down the street drinking a beer on my way to the shops, or the beach or a mates place ?? Who is affected if the men who have just finished playing footy or cricket in the park, wish to have a couple of beers after the game ?? Absolutely nobody !! It's Nanny state wowerism ! Just spend the money & provide more public bins for Recyclables you scumbags ! Instead of wasting Ratepayers money on shit like Public Art !! You can spend months admiring the public art (paid for by NBC) from your wheelchair after badly injuring yourself by tripping on the cracked uneven pavement (maintained by NBC) !!! If you want some basic ideas to improve the Beaches let me know. P.S. Hello to Councillors Roslyn & Sue
32	We should be encouraging outdoor dining, and social drinking in light of covid and a more open approach similar to Europe or North America. No more nanny state, trust your citizens, penalise those who misbehave, not the masses.
33	What about the expired alcohol free zone around the oval and community center on fisher rd north at Cromer Also the one on pittwater rd opposite brookvale bus depo
34	Dee Why Park should be included in the AFZ. It is always littered with broken beer bottles, cans and alcohol bottles. It is a danger and needs to be monitored far more closely especially during sport on the oval.
35	Well, I have to admit that especially during COVID the situation has changed. Naturally people need to spend more time in their direct neighbourhood incl. enjoying e.g. a good Glas of wine outside. DeeWhy is quite "packed" with people so it needs carefully assessment to reflect the overall circumstances before making a decision. A restriction should not just made based on the current COVID situation it should last well after COVID. So, the decision is made for the mid to long future which means to over last the COVID situation. The beach is a family beach and alcohol can be consumed around in many restaurants - we need to look after the families and the safety at night.
36	Why are the streets surrounding Dee Why RSL Club excluded from the AFZ? If you are fair dinkum then all streets east of Pittwater Rd and between Hawkesbury Ave and Dee Why Pde would be included.
37	Extend to all of Richmond Ave, Dee Why Parade, Clarence Avenue.
38	And please police them
39	Why has it been implemented at the first place? It's silly and restrictive.

40	I oppose AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people.
41	What is the reason for doing this and why doesn't it apply to the area around the Dee Why RSL Club and the other side of Pittwater Road? Seems little stupid that you can sit opposite the RSL and drink but not the street around the corner. How much power do gambling venues have over the council? Just let people live their lives and stop controlling everything. You have made enough stupid decisions in Dee Why recently, enough, put people's money to better use for God's sake.
42	There is too much alcohol abuse in Dee Why. At Walter Gores Park, on Howard Avenue at the entrance to the Coles shopping centre (and across the road), at the tow square outside Woolies and at the two green areas around the post office in Dee Why on Oaks Ave. We absolutely need these areas to be alcohol free zones and they need to be monitored and policed. As a parent with two young children living in Dee Why, seeing young kids drinking in the parks, fighting and stealing... plus the regular alcoholics drinking in the street and parks, it is dreadful for the area and families to see.
43	<p>As a local resident of Dee Why who frequently spends time in the area at various times of the day for commuting to work via public transport, exercise and shopping, I am fully aware of the potential these proposed alcohol free zones have to be misused through alcohol usage.</p> <p>There have been many occasions over the recent years where I have seen first hand both crime and disorderly behaviour in Dee Why by individuals and groups of both youths and adults. Of course, on all of these occasions I have reported these incidents to the police however this just highlights my awareness and understanding of the sort of things that happen in Dee Why.</p> <p>As stated above, it is clear that crime and disorderly behaviour is already a problem in Dee Why. Without the re-establishment of the existing alcohol free zones, I can only imagine how much worse it could get. We all know the effects of alcohol on people, and it is just not something that should be allowed at all on our roads, footpaths and public car parks.</p> <p>Ultimately, to prevent a possible increase in crime and disorderly behaviour which would result in a significant negative impact on the community and emergency services I strongly believe that the existing alcohol free zones in Dee Why should be maintained and re-established.</p>
44	I would be happy to keep the restriction / ban with no alcohol in these areas

Freshwater

Number	Comment/submission
1	I do not see the need to re-establish an alcohol free zone on those streets in Freshwater
2	I don't believe there is a need for this in Freshwater.
3	I'm very against it, a lot of family's go there to mix other and have picnics whilst the kids play!
4	<p>Our local community is responsible and thoughtful. Alcohol in outdoor areas does not disturb the local residents, and prohibiting it is unnecessary. Also, prohibiting it may discourage people from enjoying picnics and time together outside in our beautiful local parks and beaches.</p> <p>When gathering outside for social purposes, local businesses are largely supported by take-away orders.</p> <p>Living within a block of the local reserve and beach, I can confirm people gathering in</p>

	outdoor areas does not cause a disturbance and noise levels are much louder from the local pub.
5	<p>Freshwater is a place that is safe for young family's to enjoy the sun and picnic safely.</p> <p>There needs to be inclusiveness.</p> <p>The Picnicers at Freshy never leave a mess. It's always respectful and quiet. And the restaurants are always busy regardless. Often full. So please keep this space able to be enjoyed by all.</p> <p>We don't live in houses with backyards, we need our parks for young family's to gather as their homes. That's how this place is treated.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
6	With the world we live in right now where picnicking is our only joy in life, why deny us the right to do it in a beautiful location.
7	Alcohol free zones are unnecessary
8	There is no reason to establish an alcohol free zone in Freshwater. We are a responsible, family orientated community who are respectful when socialising with alcohol in the area.
9	We should be able to picnic with family- make it after day light is alcohol free
10	People should be free to enjoy a drink. Anti social behavior is a Police issue. Too many rules and regulations.
11	Absolutely support this and would like it extended to entire area including the beach itself.
12	<p>I would like to see our community gain freedoms and rights. I would like a trial 12 months of no AFZ, followed by a publicly accessible report outlining any issues arising from it.</p> <p>The current proposal shows no reasons for the extension of these proposed restrictions.</p> <p>Once again, freedoms and rights are what I want. Not restrictions without question.</p>
13	<p>I think that 0.5 percent alcohol beer or wine should not be prohibited</p> <p>It is so close to zero but not zero but wouldn't cause issues</p>
14	how about you put in a ranger patrol, there has to be something for the rangers to do. putting a patrol will limit the anti social behaviour. and allow for the general public to still have allowances
15	Alcohol-fueled large groups in the Freshwater AFZs are a big problem for residents. Weekend drinking means bottles and broken glass tossed onto nature strip and private property, and vandalism. If you can't control drinking in the main park behind the surf lifesaving club your renewal of current ADZs is vital
16	Include more areas park and beach
17	Support the re-establishment of the Freshwater Alcohol Free Zone, but I was unaware one existed currently. It needs to be better communicated so people are aware it exists.
18	I'd really like to see glass reduced in parks where there is childrens equipment. Happy to keep the alcohol but the amount of time I pick up broken glass away from barefoot kids I cannot count.
19	The application of the restriction can only be enforced on a hit and miss basis when police are patrolling the area. The non-application of the ban in parks, where crowds gather and tend to consume excessive amounts of alcohol and become obnoxious, means that it is a complete waste of time. Yes it is undesirable for people to be consuming alcohol in the street when they have consumed too much already but it is a complete waste of money erecting signs that would generally be ignored anyway and

	even more likely not to be enforced. I'm sure that police have the power under a law against unruly behaviour to stop people drinking on the street where they are misbehaving.
20	Unfortunately AFZ don't prevent young or not so young inebriated people wandering down the middle of the road at night, endangering themselves & others. I think the AFZ should be extended along Oceanview Rd to Albert St & along Albert St towards the shopping centre,
21	There are a number of BYO restaurants in Lawrence St which would not have a licence but patrons enjoy a beer or glass of wine while seated outdoors
22	I oppose AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people.
23	I support the re-establishment of the Freshwater Alcohol Free Zone and also consider that the Zone should be extended to include Evans Street between Charles Street and Lumsdaine Drive as this area is regularly used by young people consuming alcohol prior or after visiting Mounties Diggers Club.
24	As long as we can still have a glass of wine in the parks (especially the one behind the Surfclub in Freshwater beach) and on the beach itself, I am happy enough for the AFZ in the streets and carparks, though I do not think it is actually necessary.
25	In light of the current pandemic, it would be wise to provide the public outdoor areas where they may socialise safely. Places like Freshwater are frequently visited by the population of the medium density housing who do not have their own outdoor area to host small gatherings. Allowing the safe consumption of alcohol in these areas means there are safer, open areas to socialise, reducing the severity of potential virus transmission. Sydney is learning to adapt to our new norm, and so should the Northern Beaches.
26	I live on Moore road and have never had an issue with people drinking at the freshwater parks. Family or groups of friends have a beer or a wine has never caused an issue. It is incredibly rare that someone will have a bit to much to drink and cause an issue. I think we should trust our community members to engage in safe drinking behaviours rather than ban it completely. Particularly with the current pandemic when only small gatherings are allowed outdoors people should be allowed to have a few drinks with family or friends within the covid restrictions.
27	There has never been a history of public drunkenness leading to criminal/ anti-social behaviour in this area. It strikes me as a misapplication of resources.
28	I want businesses in the area to be able to get new outdoor liquor licences.
29	If people are allowed to drink in the parks and on the beach (which I fully support people being allowed to do), what is the point of these AFZs and what do they achieve other than creating bureaucracy and potential fines for people doing nothing but enjoying a drink coming to or from the beach. Has there been issues with people drinking beers on the sidewalk that were to the point of a public nuisance?
30	This seems unnecessary - I don't see why Council needs to legislate against people's enjoyment. At least consider only applying the AFZ after 10pm for example.
31	There is no need to be such a nanny state.
32	Being an Oceanview Rd local since 1985, I have noticed people walking up and down these areas on a daily basis drinking alcohol. Even in the park adjacent to the surf club there are families having picnics and barbeques and they are consuming alcohol. It is clear that either: * these signs have no effect on peoples behaviour, * people aren't aware of the restrictions, or * they simply ignore the restrictions.

	My suggestions is not to waste ratepayers money on something which doesn't work.
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Mona Vale

Number	Comment/submission
1	Alcohol free zones are unnecessary
2	I would like to see a more responsible population rather than one that needs micro management and supervision.
3	Many older residents enjoy being able to walk out for an evening or weekend meal. It is important that the designated areas are not obstructed e.g. by those spilling out of licensed premises, antisocial and obstructive behaviour as a result of drinking in such areas. It can restrict the pleasure of an evening outing and prevent support of local businesses.
4	The Mona Vale Residents Association supports the re-establishment of the Mona Vale AFZ. Regards
5	Public drinking all around the place really detracts from an area. Mona Vale has numerous licensed venues and being able to have a glass of wine with a picnic in the park is excellent. Seeing people sitting on fences or at Bus stations and how many people are we talking about? It could end up being very intimidating and with a feeling of danger to people particularly women walking on their own. it can be very antisocial. It is totally inappropriate when there are so many places you can go to drink socially and companionably. Please extend the existing Laws.
6	The responsible consumption of Alcohol in the locality of the Mona Vale CBD should be allowed. If excessive consumption occurs and disrupts the amenity, this should be dealt with on a one-on-one basis by police, not excluding the majority of responsible citizens. With a return to post-COVID life eminent, less interference please and let small business reestablish in a fun & cosmopolitan Mona Vale.
7	People have personal responsibility to manage alcohol consumption. The majority of people located in the area are law abiding citizens and understand laws relating to alcohol consumption. With increased use of public spaces, it seems unnecessary to impose draconian measures to prevent alcohol consumption. There are sufficient powers with the police to prevent any issues. Council would be better to continue to improve and provide more outdoor events, spaces and opportunities for people to picnic, to share food and events in outdoor spaces. We have so much beautiful space including parks and beaches which are also under restrictions. I don't think it is the place of Council to take on the role of policing alcohol consumption. It is the place of council to provide services and support for all rate payers. We are a contemporary, modern and educated society that takes responsibility for its own actions. These types of rules punish a majority and pander to a minority instead of engaging with the majority. In Covid times we need more outdoor space, outdoor eating and drinking areas and outdoor parks and shared public spaces. This submission applies to al the areas listed in the proposals.Thank you.
8	I think it's a good idea, as long as one can still have a beer or wine in the park or on the beach
9	Plenty of places in Mona Vale to drink responsibly while having a meal. Outside that context it just creates antisocial behaviour & violence

10	It should be extended North to include all of Seabeach Ave and west to Barrenjoey Rd as the park at the northern end of Seabeach is often strewn with empty beer bottles and rubbish ,,
11	I live within the designated area for Mona Vale. Before lockdown days, Friday and Saturday nights would see many groups still drinking, after the local MV pub closed, as they walked home or wherever they were going. Discarded bottles and cans would be a regular visitor outside my gate. I hope these areas can be policed more. Thank you.
12	I oppose AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people.
13	the skate park should included as an alcohol free zone as well as the car park.

Newport

Number	Comment/submission
1	Alcohol free zones are unnecessary
2	It should also include parks after sunset.
3	With all the other covid restrictions, this should be allowed
4	<p>I consider this to be an expensive over-kill.</p> <p>The installation and maintenance of the signs, monitoring an unnecessary extra burden on Council's finances and staff's work load</p> <p>Surely, in any case of unacceptable behaviour whether it involves alcohol or not would be referred to the Police and dealt with under their powers.</p> <p>Newport is a family orientated beach side suburb and not at all like Bondi Beach. A Newport full time resident for 21 years I also resided in the units which back on to the Bramley Ave carpark for nearly a year pre COVID and at no time was their evidence of untoward behaviour, or littering as a result of alcohol use in that area. In fact observation with the locals' response to COVID lockdowns is testament to the respect we have for our precious suburb and surrounds.</p> <p>There must be more urgent, deserving use of Council funds and that pressure must be increased with picking up the pieces from the impact of COVID Lockdowns.</p>
5	<p>I do not support the proposal</p> <p>I believe there is a wonderful opportunity for our council to establish a village like environment in a post covid world by opening up outdoor entertaining and dining (which includes Alcohol). Many cities and towns around the world enjoy restaurants and bars that allow dining and drinking on footpaths which creates a festive and community feel to each location. Newport currently lacks that type of feel and I believe more should be done to support our local businesses in this regard. A number of restaurants have taken the initiative during Covid to sell takeaway alcoholic beverages and residents have enjoyed an evening stroll, this should be further encouraged.</p> <p>We have RSA laws that are preventative and the Police have powers to fine those doing the wrong thing. Creating Alcohol free zones punishes the majority for the actions of the minority and instead of adding to our "nanny state", our council should take a greater leadership role for change. Even if you do make the area Alcohol free zone, the 1% that are going to do the wrong thing, will any way. Therefore I do not support the proposal.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
6	<p>Is alcohol consumption in Public an issue in any of these areas? In 3 years, I've never seen any violence or poor behaviour relating to it... In fact I've never seen anyone gathering in these areas to consume alcohol. Really, there's only the two local drunks that sit on the seat opposite, East of Coles Parade, next to the sewage pump station. But they're friendly-enough. And there's the odd beer or two drunk post-surf session in the carpark near 'the peak', which is usually a brief and relaxed occurrence. What is the purpose of this, who are the motivators, and who benefits of this AFZ?</p>

7	Assuming this includes any of the takeaway cocktail offerings. These have established a sense of fun and community amongst locals during lockdown and I wish for them to stay and continue offering takeaway cocktails that can be consumed whilst socialising with friends on the streets of Newport. I can understand the ban on open cans and bottles, but takeaway from restaurants in the area should not be banned.
8	Honestly don't see what it's meant to achieve.
9	Crescent Reserve on Crescent Rd should be a 24 hour AFZ. Currently groups gather in the Reserve and consume alcohol and leave beer bottles and other food containers.
10	We are residents on Foamcrest Ave and experience significant noise nuisance since the change in use of public space outside businesses serving alcohol. Often this noise is up till early hours with people laughing, talking and closing car doors. Specifically the shop causing this disturbance is Ms Robertson which is opposite residential units.
11	People are adults we don't need more laws or restrictions
12	I support the proposal but would like the area extended to include Seaview Ave from its intersection with Foamcrest Ave to its intersection with Robertson Rd and Robertson Rd from its intersection with Seaview Ave to its intersection with Foamcrest Ave. I live in the section of Seaview Ave mentioned above. We are forever cleaning discarded alcohol containers, bottles and cans, out of the front garden of our unit block. We would like a permanent ban on people drinking alcohol in our section of the street.
13	I feel it's too intrusive on individual rights. Most people do the right thing so why continue with these restrictions?
14	I oppose AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people.
15	Not necessary
16	I don't think the alcohol free zone should be renewed. I think it's important to let adults make decisions for their own health and safety and if one wishes to go for a walk with a beer that should be their right.

Newport Residential

Number	Comment/submission
1	This should not be an afz due to other covid restrictions
2	I support continuation of this AFZ because our street is quieter and feels safer since it became part of AFZ.
3	My concern is that these areas are not enforced. I live in Beaconsfield St (a 30 year resident) not far from The Newport. Pre COVID-19 lockdowns, every Saturday and Sunday morning streets and front yards were littered with bottles, cans and glasses taken from the hotel. Also, people gathered in groups in the street drinking after the hotel closed.
4	Theoretically stops young people drinking while walking to the Newport and dumping their bottles on the street which is a common occurrence
5	Please include Bardo Road.
6	Newport isn't a party town, alcohol free zones here are pointless and won't achieve anything worthwhile. Let adults do whatever adults want. We can make our own decisions.
7	Yes I fully support the AFZ proposal. Currently people walk back from the Newport at night and drink alcohol at the bus stops. We are frequently clearing up discarded and broken bottles. Not a good situation with lots of young children playing in the area. Thanks.

8	As residents of Beaconsfield St who often experience noise and late night disturbance from patrons of The Newport hotel, we fully support the implementation and enforcement of an Alcohol Free Zone in our street. Hopefully this will also cause a reduction in the number of beer bottles and cans that we pick up on our footpath each weekend when the pub is open.
9	I support the re-establishment of the Newport Residential Alcohol Free Zone if it is enforced. I am a long time resident in Beaconsfield Street and during the summer nights and days especially, people continually walk down to The Newport and along the street drinking alcohol and tossing the empties into nearby properties and gardens or stacking them under the Alcohol Free Zone signs. It is a joke but not a funny one! By all means "re-establish" this RAFZ but only if it is going to be regulated and enforced. Otherwise don't waste your time and our money with something that will be totally ignored and not supported. It just makes a laughing stock of the Council.
10	I oppose AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people.

Palm Beach

Number	Comment/submission
1	I firmly believe that the reasonable consumption of alcohol by adults in these proposed AFZ zones should be allowed. We live in a free and democratic society and there is no reason to 'over-govern' on an issue such as this in Palm Beach, especially where local residents - including myself - would very much like to enjoy a glass of wine with friends in these areas on a sunny summer's afternoon. I strongly urge Council against re-establishing the Palm Beach AFZ.
2	Increase the area to include the pool and all parking areas around Governor Phillip Park.
3	As long as people can still drink and party on the reserve area
4	I support the proposal, but also think the zone should be extended North up to "Black Rock" and include the carpark/pathway/grassed area at the North end of the zone.
5	Unless you have statistical evidence otherwise I believe such nanny state restrictions should be removed. Anti social behaviour will not necessarily be curtailed by such actions in any event and there are alternative approaches should it occur.
6	You can't drink on Ocean Rd but you can drink on the sand dunes alongside the road. How does that make sense?
7	My past experience is only positive while having alcohol restrictions in place. Group event at the beach with alcohol normally don't go "well" - so: yes, please re-establish the restriction. Thanks for your efforts whatever decision will be made.
8	I oppose AFZ. They are used by police to target young people, people experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable people.
9	This is ridiculous. I urge council to ask the surf club the number of issues related to people having a drink in this area. I have never witnessed any antisocial behaviour, nor parties here. This is unjustified. I am totally against this proposal. I am a member of the pacific club so can personally just drink there but this is unfair for the community.

b) Feedback received in emailed submissions.

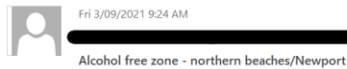
Dee Why



To: Council Northernbeaches Mailbox

I support the Alcohol Free Zone establishment in Dee Why.
Regards

Newport



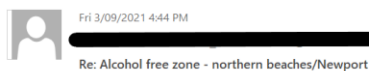
To: Council Mailbox

Good morning,

I'd like to voice my opposition to establishing any new alcohol free zones. I have lived in Newport for many years and have never seen any anti social behaviour or incident which would warrant this being necessary.

The vast majority of northern beaches residents are mature, responsible adults and don't need further unnecessary laws or rules.

Sent from my iPhone



To: You replied to this message on 3/09/2021 4:45 PM.

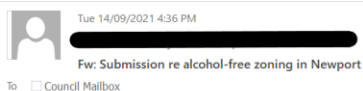
Hi

To clarify I would support repealing existing alcohol free zones - they are not required in a responsible law abiding community like Newport.

Appreciate you taking my input into consideration.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone



To: Council Mailbox

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:27 PM
To:

Subject: Submission re alcohol-free zoning in Newport

I am fully supportive of the intention to create an alcohol free zone on the footpaths etc. in Foamcrest Avenue, and presumably Robertson Road in Newport. Our residence in Foamcrest Avenue is close to the roundabout which links these two roads, and within earshot of activity taking place in Robertson Road. Under normal situations, i.e. ex-Covid, the noise emanating from this site, in the day time, is just a reasonable hub-bub of conversation and music, as people enjoy coffee, or chat over breakfast, lunch or dinner. All of which is entirely acceptable, and a nice sign of life. However, since the bar was introduced opposite the Post Office, we are frequently woken up at night by patrons of the bar who, on leaving the premises, talk very loudly as they walk to their cars, persist in shouting good-night to each other over a distance of thirty or forty metres, and then slam their car doors loudly. It has to be said that the bulk of these offenders are female! Whilst they are inside the bar with the door shut this noise does not penetrate, but if they were allowed to drink at tables on the footpath, the noise-level would be the same, and beyond the control of the proprietors.

I am not anti-alcohol, but if Robertson Road is ever turned into a pedestrian plaza, there would need to be considerable attention given to closing hours, and noise constraints to avoid similar problems.

Newport Residential



Sun 5/09/2021 3:22 PM

Alcohol free area Gladstone St / Trafalgar park Newport

To: ☐ Council Mailbox

Drinking in the park is rare - drinking in the existing zone Gladstone St was pre covid very frequent with littering.
The idea is lovely it is never enforced so useless



Mon 6/09/2021 7:36 AM

Alcohol free zone

To: ☐ Council Mailbox

To whom it may concern

I support the introduction of alcohol free zone in all proposed areas of the northern beaches.

The consumption of alcohol in public places is conducive of concentration groups of people and often louder behaviour which impacts on the local residents. In this time when social distancing is paramount... we should consider all measures to encourage such social distancing behaviours

Please re establish the alcohol free zones across the Northern Beaches.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

c) Feedback received out of scope of the current review:



Sat 11/09/2021 4:23 PM

AFZ's

To: ☐ Council Mailbox

Why can't Council include East Esplanade Park in the areas to be declared AFZ's. Or don't the residents along East Esplanade count .



Mon 20/09/2021 1:18 PM

Re: AFZ's

To: ☐ Council Mailbox

You replied to this message on 21/09/2021 5:45 PM.
This message was sent with High importance.

Many thanks for your informative reply.

Would I be correct in assuming that the footpath from Manly Wharf to the Manly Yacht club would be considered an AFZ ?

Would the beach along East Esplanade be considered an AFZ or an APA ?

I would suggest that under the NSW Government Health Orders there would be complete ignorance of these restrictions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday,

Why do I complain, I live in Mathew Bligh, on the Corner of East Esplanade and Victoria Road and every night the "Office" is operating we have a constant stream of these party goers using our, and apparently other East Esplanade properties, using our property for their toiletries, consumption of drugs and other anti social behaviour and every time the Manly Police are notified of these anti-social activities we are always told " sorry, we have no available police to attend but will put it on our books".

Another problem is that Councillor Candy Bingham supports these party goers claiming that they are enjoying the sunset, at 1800- hrs ?

However, I guess I am just blowing into the wind as Council will never designate East Esplanade Park as an AFZ, SIMILAR TO THE CLASSIFICATION enjoyed by every other park on the Northern Beaches,

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