

Details and Background Information regarding the Pasadena PSA Liquor License 1-7616999608



The Application: [Application 1-7616999608](#)¹ was posted the 2nd of December on the Liquor and Gaming website for a [Primary Services Application \(PSA\)](#)² and submissions close on the 1st of January.

This application is in addition to a normal restaurant “On-Premises License” and will allow the serving of alcohol at the Pasadena to customers who are not consuming food. The application proposes:

- **Operating hours (5.00 am – 12.00 midnight), except Sunday (10am to 10pm).**
- **A maximum number of 350 patrons**

The Plan: the area is both inside and outside the [land owned and leased by the Pasadena](#)³.

The CIS: The proprietors have posted a [Community Impact Statement](#)⁴ for this application

This application is to increase the current capacity from 164 people (consisting of 138 persons seated in the restaurant, 20 in the reception area and 6 staff and entertainers) to 350.

SIRA, WPCA (West Pittwater Community Association) and some onshore groups have, in response to previous development applications from the Pasadena, raised the following concerns:

- **Parking of patrons.** The attendance of additional patrons will mean additional demands on very limited parking. The offshore community has very limited parking availability to access their homes and no options to park elsewhere, as the community relies on ferries and commuter boat facilities at Church Point to access Scotland Island. The cost of parking at Church Point is in excess of \$500 per vehicle per year, with no guarantee of spaces. The current parking facilities are hardly sufficient at the moment to absorb weekend attendance at the Waterfront Café, the Pasadena Café and other visitors to the area. Even if alternative means of transport are offered to patron, our experience over many years is that people will first seek to park close to their venue.

In 2013 a Pasadena DA was refused in the NSW Land and Environment Court (2013). It was determined that the limit of 138 patrons required the premises to provide 48 parking spaces. By the same calculation 350 patrons would require almost 120 parking spaces.

- **The size of the proposal with respect to public space.** The applicant may hold up to 350 patrons within a total indoor and outdoor area of about 190 square meters. Such a high density of patrons will likely result in the patrons spilling out onto the public pathway and possibly public reserve and beach foreshore.
- **The impact on noise.** Noise travels significantly over water. The local area is a quiet area. While some musical activities are acceptable, ongoing noise for island residents from patrons, live

¹ http://www.lgnoticeboardassets.justice.nsw.gov.au/liquor_applications/docs/1-7616999608-Notice.pdf

² <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-primary-service-authorisation>

³ http://www.lgnoticeboardassets.justice.nsw.gov.au/liquor_applications/docs/1-7616999608-plan.pdf

⁴ http://www.lgnoticeboardassets.justice.nsw.gov.au/liquor_applications/docs/1-7616999608-CISA.pdf

bands and music both during the day and late in the evening would significantly affect the character of the area.

- **The merit of the proposal for the local community's safety and family character.** Church Point is a busy transport hub. The Pasadena is located adjacent to Ferry wharf, the water taxi drop-off and pickup, drop off or pick-up for commuters, school children and visitors to Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park. It is common for parents to leave groceries and children at the reserve while they locate a parking spot, therefore, safety of goods and children is critically important. The reserve has been identified by Council as an alcohol prohibited area (APA). The prohibition allows opened containers of alcohol in the reserve only from Friday through to Sunday and Public Holidays between 3.00 pm and 9.00 pm.
- **Traffic and pedestrian safety.** Added vehicle traffic for 350 patrons is a significant increase of traffic for the local area. There are no pedestrian crossings. Adults and school children, as young as 7 years old and on their own, cross the road in front of the Pasadena.

The [Community Impact Statement](#) should have demonstrated how the applicant will resolve the above concerns, but in fact all of the above concerns have not been addressed or adequately addressed