

September 30, 2017

Northern Beaches Council
Sue Johansson
Community Safety Coordinator

Dear Ms Johansson,



Re: Proposed Alcohol Free Zone at Church Point

One of the objectives of the Scotland Island Residents Association is to represent the community of Scotland Island on matters that may affect it. This letter is our submission regarding the proposed re-establishment of the Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) at Church Point.

As you will be aware, the Thomas Stephens reserve is a popular place for members of the offshore, the local and wider community to sit, enjoy Pittwater, meet and have a drink.

We thank you for your clarification in your email of 22 September. The proposed AFZ for Church Point is not affecting the Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) at Thomas Stephens reserve where it is permitted to consume Alcohol from 3 pm to 9 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays as well as on Public Holidays.

In principle, the community does not have objections against the Alcohol Free Zone proposed, however, it is not clear why it is necessary – as currently, there is no or only very little alcohol consumption taking place and no reason for concern.

There is also a clarification needed. The AFZ map that was published covers roadsides, footpaths and carparks, but also Thomas Stephens reserve. This led to the concern that the current AFA in place would be replaced by the AFZ. It would be beneficial if this would be clarified on an updated map.

We would like to re-iterate that the APA at Thomas Stephens Reserve should remain in place unaltered. The community meets there and we are not aware of any alcohol related incidents having taken place for over more than the past 10 years. The area is kept clean and social control by members of our community and other offshore areas means the area provides a pleasant atmosphere for the people, old and young, gathering there or passing through to the ferry or commuter wharves.

Yours Sincerely,

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