

#### **4. Public Question Time and Submissions**

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##### **Question from Adrian Jackson**

How many alcohol outlets are there within Port Phillip broken up into the number of hotels, cafe/restaurants, night clubs and bottle shops? Does the council think that this amount of alcohol on sale is excessive and contributes to social problem within our city? Does council think we have too many hotels in the city, particularly in some other suburbs like St Kilda? Does council want more or less alcohol outlets in Port Phillip? Does council think that excessive alcohol trading hours into the next day early morning should be restricted or stopped?

##### **Response:**

Whilst the planning department does not hold specific data relating to the number of alcohol outlets across our City, when a planning application is submitted referring to liquor licence applications, Council Planners refer to Port Phillip Planning Scheme, state and local policies, particular regard to zoning of the land and other provisions such as Clause 52.27 – Licensed Premises which includes a number of decision guidelines which must be considered when assessing these types of applications such as;

- *The impact of the sale or consumption of liquor permitted by the liquor licence on the amenity of the surrounding area.*
- *The impact of the hours of operation on the amenity of the surrounding area.*
- *The impact of the number of patrons on the amenity of the surrounding area.*
- *The cumulative impact of any existing licensed premises and the proposed licensed premises on the amenity of the surrounding area.*

It is the cumulative impact assessment that is vital in assessing any liquor licence application and this is where any application must include this information and verified by Planning assessment. As part of the planning assessment, amenity considerations on the surrounding area are considered, hours of operation depend on the area, whether it is part of a major activity centre or minor neighbourhood centre, zoning of the land etc. These issues are determined as part of the application and included on any permit conditions.

I have also referred to VGCCC – Victorian Gambling & Casino Control Commission which also provides a public research on licensed premises in our municipality and can confirm a recent search confirmed the following;

BYO Permit	16
Full Club Licence	11
General Licence	80
Late night (general) Licence	31
Late night (on-premises) Licence	23
On-Premises Licence	110
Packaged Liquor Licence	53
Pre-retail Licence	7
Producer's Licence	7
Restaurant and cafe Licence	313
Restricted Club Licence	6

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