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Mr Stewart Reid
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Dear Mr Reid,

Proposals for a Liquor Licence and Extension of Hours at Ricketts Point “Tea House”

Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc has become aware of the above proposals, and wishes to convey its objection to them.

Our concerns relate to the significant location of the existing “Tea House”. That location is on a public foreshore reserve that is valued predominantly for its natural features and ambience. Furthermore, only a few metres away is the highly significant Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary. Normally any such area protected under the National Parks Act is not allowed to have late night licensed premises nearby, as that is seen to detract from the quality of such State assets.

Those features and that ambience are not able to be appreciated from a lighted room when it is dark outside, so there is no particular advantage for diners that might be seeking views, as there is in the daytime. On the contrary, the disturbance to what is presently a quiet part of the daily cycle will be noticeable to users of the surrounding space, and would not be welcomed.

The extension of hours and the introduction of liquor are factors likely to create future pressures for enlargement or other intrusive changes, including lighting and signs, that can introduce conflicts with the surrounding free public passive use and enjoyment.

We ask that Bayside City Council not consent for the lessee of what has always been called a “Tea House”, which was the basis on which it was originally introduced, to apply for either a liquor licence or a planning permit.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Cerbasi
President
Beaumaris Conservation Society Inc.

cc. Mayor and Councillors, Bayside City Council, Mr Noel Pullen MLC, Mr Murray Thompson MLA