

9 PETITION - NO POKIES FOR OFFICER

FILE REFERENCE INT1769054

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the petition lodged in opposition to poker machines in Officer and advise the organiser of the petition that Council has resolved to refuse application T1700241 for the development of 1 Station Street, Officer.

Attachments

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To receive the petition received in opposition to poker machines in Officer tabled at the September Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

A petition was tabled at the September Council meeting regarding titled:
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The prayer of the petition read:

We the undersigned community members hereby petition the elected councillors of Cardinia Shire Council.

We object to the application T1700241 for poker machines to be incorporated into the proposed hotel at 1 Station Street Officer.

We strongly oppose the placement of poker machines in the middle of a designated "Education Hub", comprising of 11 Schools within a two kilometre radius. This Gambling venue will be within 100 metres of the Officer Primary School and 50 metres from the Officer Child Care Centre.

The venue is also too close to shops and contrary to Council policy in this regard.

The venue also proposes to co-locate a medical centre which is dangerous and inappropriate as it will encourage gambling by vulnerable community members.

The petitioners therefore call upon the Councillors of the Cardinia Shire Council - B .Owen, J. Owen, M. Shilling, L. Wilmot, J. Springfield, R. Brown, G. Moore, C. Ryan, C. Ross - to vote against this application.

At the September Council Meeting it was resolved to refuse Planning Permit T170024 on the following grounds;

1. The proposal is contrary to Clause 21.06-4 Gaming of the Cardinia Planning Scheme, specifically the application is located in an area that has access to key bus and train connections which makes the proposed location convenient to all socio-economic groups of Cardinia's community.
2. The proposal is contrary to Clause 22.03 Gaming of the Cardinia Planning Scheme due to the lack of consideration given to achieving positive social, economic and environmental outcomes in the location in one of Officer Town Centre's key gateway sites.

3. The proposal is unacceptable as it fails to contemplate Clause 22.03 as it would result in additional machines to the municipality as a whole and there is no proof that consideration has been given to relocate existing machines from elsewhere within Cardinia Shire.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

Nil

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

The proposed development of 1 Station Street raised community concern as evidenced by the petition lodged.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate to advise the organiser of the petition that Council has resolved to refuse the application for building and works, change of use of land to a hotel, use of land for sale and consumption of liquor, installation and use of land for 80 electronic gaming machines, reduction of bicycle facilities at 1 Station Street, Officer.