

I have reviewed the Youth Hostel & Archaeological Centre Exhibition and oppose all of the proposals, including:

- to extend the hours of operation of the terraces;
- the modification to allow live entertainment and amplified music;
- the proposal to obtain an on premises liquor licence from Liquor and Gaming NSW

I believe that residents in the surrounding buildings should continue to be given consideration along with other users of the area. There are many venues in close proximity to the YHA that offer patrons the ability to enjoy live music and socialise while enjoying an alcoholic beverage (the many existing pubs, bars and restaurants in the Rocks area).

There were a number of times when we have been in Gloucester Street and could hear 'partying' going on in the YHA terrace and have also been yahoosed at by YHA patrons leaning over the terrace, even though current Conditions of Approval required a sign to be installed regarding prohibited noisy behaviour. To allow music to be played until 11.45 pm, is too late for residents who have their own windows open for ventilation. The consumption of alcohol on the premises changes the nature of the YHA from being primarily a hostel and puts it in competition with existing businesses with On-premises licences in close proximity.

Part of the conditions should the changes be approved, include, windows on Level 1 Terrace to remain closed whenever possible, except for ventilation requirements, no more than 40 patrons between 5 am -7 am with the POM indicating that a manager will be on duty to monitor the use of the terrace and no more than 200 patrons between 7 am -12 am. I do not believe that these conditions will be complied with on a permanent longterm basis. Good in theory only, they will fall by the wayside as in practice, they will be hard to enforce and continue.

Since there are so many other existing options available for music, social interaction, and alcohol consumption that are probably currently being used by YHA patrons, I do not believe the arrangements in place need to be changed and extended to the detriment of surrounding residents, particularly in Gloucester Street.