

Attachment B

Engagement Report

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Background

In accordance with its legislative obligations under the Local Government Act 1993, the City considers valid applications for outdoor alcohol restrictions. These restrictions include alcohol-free zones which apply to public roads, footpaths and public carparks and alcohol prohibited areas which apply to parks and civic spaces. Council can resolve to establish an outdoor alcohol restriction for a maximum of four years or on a temporary basis for special events.

Alcohol-free zones apply to public roads and footpaths, 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Alcohol-prohibited areas apply to parks and civic spaces and can be timed.

Engagement summary

At its meeting on 19 August 2024, Council resolved that the Chief Executive officer be requested to initiate the process of community consultation for an alcohol-free zone on Jones Bay Road, Pyrmont, in response to community requests.

The public exhibition process was undertaken in accordance with Section 644A of the Local Government Act 1993 which outlines the consultation requirements to establish alcohol restrictions. The public exhibition period took place between 13 November 2024 to 20 December 2024, which exceeded the required 30-day public exhibition period.

This report outlines the community engagement activities that took place and summarises the key findings from the consultation.

Purpose of engagement

The purpose of the engagement was to gather feedback from community groups, residents and local business on their level of support for the proposed alcohol-free zone.

Outcomes of engagement

The following is a snapshot of the outcomes from the engagement. It shows good face-to-face and online engagement that has reached a range of audiences.

Submissions received during the 13 November to 20 December 2025 consultation

We received a total of 46 submissions (via Survey Monkey, email and letter) during the public exhibition period. The Sydney Your Say page was visited 217 times during the consultation period.

Five submissions were made on behalf of local community groups/organisations, as listed below.

1. Australian South Sea Islanders
2. Pyrmont Action
3. Pyrmont Ultimo Landcare
4. St James Church
5. Ultimo Village Voice

Submissions and engagement activity

Quantity	Description of activity
46	Total submissions received
32	Survey submissions
13	Emailed submissions received from community groups / residents / business
1	Emailed submissions from Anti-Discrimination NSW

Submissions Table

Support/Oppose	Quantity	Reasons
Support	37	Safety, amenity and security Improve health and community wellbeing, reduce harm Litter, broken glass, urination, noise & antisocial behaviour Recommendations for sign locations and visibility
Oppose	8	Unnecessary 'nanny state'
No Objection	1	