

GREG PETTY

Independent Candidate for Lord Mayor



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Independent Helensburgh Lord Mayor Candidate rallies behind town against Packaged Liquor Outlet application.

Greg Petty asked to support local business before Supermarket giant drops its application. A developer is now trying to persuade the Liquor Board another Packaged Liquor outlet shop is right for the tiny town.

Supermarket giant Woolworths and its liquor group BWS had been progressing an application for a packaged liquor outlet in the small northern Illawarra town of Helensburgh, home to just 5,500 residents. A new applicant Scalda Pty Ltd has letterboxed surrounding residents and businesses advising its intention to apply for a liquor licence taking over the previous BWS approval.

Local businesses, community groups and residents mounted a campaign in December last year to stop BWS's Development Application to Wollongong City Council. A petition containing some 1,000 signatures and other individual and community group submissions were passed over by Wollongong Council allowing BWS to submit its "Community Impact Statement" to the NSW Casino, Liquor & Gaming Control Authority.

Peter Doak of Centennial Heritage was relieved when BWS withdrew its application. The BWS application stated it would create 3 full time and 5 part time positions when the town was already serviced by a Hotel, 2 liquor stores, a licensed club and at least 2 sporting club licences. Less than 5 kms away is an outlet at Stanwell Park with further liquor shops at Heathcote, Coledale and Engadine including a Woolworths Liquor.

Independent Lord Mayor Candidate and Helensburgh resident, Greg Petty, has been again asked by the local businesses and community groups to lead the campaign. "What has been made difficult is the new applicant using the BWS Development Application. The community only has 30 days to lodge objections to the new applicant's solicitor before a Community Impact Study is lodged with the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority" stated Mr. Petty.

Mr. Petty has written to Heard, McEwan Lawyers (HML) seeking an extension of the 30 day submission period deadline – due 12 September. HML will be invited to attend a Public Meeting to be convened by Mr. Petty for September 11 to hear local business, community groups and residents concerns.

Local liquor shops and businesses have started collecting written submissions. Electronic submissions may also be made through Mr. Petty's [website](#).

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