



Item 4.2 Request for permanent alcohol ban on the St Kilda foreshore

A Joint Letter containing 7 signatures of local traders and residents has been submitted by St Kilda Tourism & Events.

The Joint Letter states the following:

We hereby request:

- 1) The permanent introduction of an alcohol ban on the St Kilda foreshore including parks, beaches and piers, between West Beach and St Kilda Marina during October to March each year (inclusive) as a minimum.
- 2) The provision of appropriate Council resources and at appropriate times of the day, to enforce the existing by-law pertaining to the glass ban on the foreshore.

You will be aware we had multiple serious incidents on the foreshore and surrounds on November 1 and 2 2018 following on from multiple and ongoing issues over the last number of years.

The issues directly affect the traders commercially and the broader visitor economy, not to mention locals, including staff.

This is secondary to the direct physical and emotional harm that is being caused to innocent beachgoers. This petition request the introduction of a full alcohol ban on the St Kilda foreshore during daylight savings periods e.g. October to March between West Beach and the St Kilda Marina (inclusive) each year at a minimum.

As strongly recommended in the past by Victorian Police, St Kilda Tourism & Events, residents and traders, the alcohol ban must be re-introduced prior to further serious issues.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Receives and notes the Joint Letter, and provides a response at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 5 December 2018.

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ATTACHMENTS Nil