

Cr Vincent De Luca OAM

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Call for Warringah Bus Stops to be Alcohol Free

In response to resident complaints, Warringah Councillor Vincent De Luca has asked Warringah Council to examine why certain bus stops where anti-social behaviour has been occurring are not alcohol free. Councillor De Luca has also written to the NSW Minister for Police asking for increased patrols at certain bus stops and the Minister for Transport requesting more Transit Officers to be placed in Warringah and on buses on the northern beaches.

On 28 July 2009 Councillor De Luca asked Council whether the Pittwater Road and St David Avenue main bus stop at Dee Why could be made an alcohol free zone. Warringah Council's Director of Planning, Malcolm Ryan has since confirmed that the bus stop is an alcohol free zone, however, signs had been removed. Mr Ryan has confirmed that new signs will be erected in the immediate future.

“I have received a number of complaints from residents as to increasing anti-social behaviour at the Dee Why bus stop. I am concerned to learn of threatening behaviour to commuters and other anti-social activities at the bus stop. I have also received reports that these people committing such dreadful behaviour are also continuing it when they get on the bus” Cr De Luca said.

“I have today written to the Minister for Police, the Hon Tony Kelly and the Minister for Transport, the Hon David Campbell asking that there be increased police patrols at the bus stop and Transit Officers placed on some northern beaches buses”.

“I am also proposing at the next meeting of Council that Council staff prepare a report into making all bus stops across Warringah Council alcohol free”.

“People travelling to and from work or out socialising and just trying to make their way have a right to be safe and not bothered by hooligans. We need an increased police and transit officer presence to ensure peoples' safety” Cr De Luca concluded.

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