



Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
Harvest Terrace
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Dear Chairman *Simon*

Petition No 131 – Oppose location of the liquor store in South Hedland Shopping Centre

This letter is my written submission in support of the above petition which I tabled in the Legislative Council on 7 September 2016.

The liquor store's location at the South Hedland Shopping Centre greatly encourages the consumption of alcohol and anti-social behaviour outside the centre. The store is located close to a taxi rank and next to automatic teller machines making it easy to withdraw money and buy alcohol from the liquor store and walk across the road to a park area to consume the alcohol.

The location also encourages loitering, foul language and violent behaviour outside the shopping centre doors discouraging families from using the shopping centre in fear of confrontation and for their safety.

I believe that a review of the liquor store location and restrictions would benefit everyone in the area.

Your attention to this issue will be greatly valued by the Hedland community.

Yours sincerely

HON STEPHEN DAWSON MLC
Member for Mining and Pastoral Region
Shadow Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services and Child Protection

