

Submission received No1

Concern 1

Is safety of vehicles and the occupants entering and leaving the property to bring in items to establish a venue for weddings and catering for a reception, the current driveway is only a one way carriage way and if vehicles are leaving simultaneously as arriving then there may be a bank up of vehicles spilling out onto the highway

Concern 2

If a double width drive is constructed then it must be designed to reflect a residential drive and not a commercial drive, we don't want changes to devalue the area

Concern 3

All changes to any structures must reflect the current zoning and not of a wedding venue which is more of a commercial or a faith establishment appearance

Concern 4

At any given time I estimate that 100 persons will be attending the function either as guests and or workers attending to the guests, I estimate the noise levels at the venue to be 100 to 120db and I estimate the noise to be more a constant noise rather than an intermittent noise, being that our bedroom and living areas are [redacted] away and given the diminishing factors for noise over distance I fail to see how the noise generated can meet the guidelines for neighbouring noise levels in rural residential areas, I sincerely would not like to see a situation arise that causes the police and or liquor licences to become involved as I don't intend to allow a commercial situation to destroy a peaceful environment, 12 functions per year of 110 people is not a trivial matter, we currently enjoy 45db as background noise, I will rely on this in the future

Concern 5

Directly in front of the proposed venue area is a council controlled esplanade and beach [redacted] this application for this material change of use only covers the venue area and not the esplanade or beach, therefore a separate approval must be sought from council each and every time this event takes place for any of the persons visiting the proposed venue to enter that space, I sincerely feel that the persons attending this function centre will naturally spill out onto the beach in front of the venue [redacted], I would find this not acceptable, I am concerned about public space being used so often in a predominantly residential area, I am concerned that weddings are a celebration venue with normally alcohol being a mix, I really hope that this situation is well thought through for our peace and for the peace of other persons wanting to enjoy the beach for the day or night

I say without hesitation or further thought that provided our concerns are protected by council decision on this decision before them that I have no objection to this approval application but if our lifestyle, standard of living is affected that causes discomfort then we will seek a legal resolution

As we work during the week and retire to bed at 8.30pm we strongly object to any function during the week days that carry on into the evening as we know from previous experience that if the noise is not controlled we suffer.

This is a rural residential area, not a commercial area, 12 functions per year of 100 people is commercial, this must not become a commercial precinct, they can apply to council for a one off request to hold a function and then if the event gets no complaints, then apply for another event

We lodge our concerns as lovers of the Port Douglas region and we support tourism but a fair balance must be the outcome