



Large Coles liquor barn planned

MLA urges the chain to be 'good corporate citizens' and abandon the unwanted project

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COLES is forging ahead with a liquor licensing application for the old Cascades Tavern site on Guildford Road, with a WA Liquor Commission hearing scheduled for December 21. The hearing is expected to shed some light on a development that has been an issue for Maylands residents for three years, after Coles was granted a development application on the site in 2008.

At the time, the development application was for four retail tenancies and a tavern at the site, a development that had the approval of both local residents and the City of Bayswater.

However, since the application was granted, no work has taken place with development approval

lapsing in 2010.

Earlier this year, Coles applied for a liquor licence to develop a 1250sqm First Choice liquor barn, a development 10 times the size of an average Coles Liquorland outlet, which is expected to have a turnover of \$7.5 million in its first full year of trading.

Director of Liquor Licensing Barry Sargeant referred the application direct to the WA Liquor Commission. Maylands MLA Lisa Baker, who will attend the hearing to represent the residents of Maylands, said the evidence was firmly stacked up against Coles and urged them to behave like "good corporate citizens" and abandon their plans.

"This liquor superstore is not

wanted in Maylands, and Coles should face this fact and do the right thing by bowing out.

"The old Cascades Tavern site is a premium site and the community want a licensed outlet here which will add to the social fabric and amenity, not erode it."

A Coles spokeswoman said representatives from Coles would attend the hearing but said it was inappropriate to discuss the details prior to the hearing.

She added that Coles Liquor is committed to the responsible service and supply of alcohol.



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