

Blundstone Arena Surrounding Area Smoke Free Zone Consultation Results Report

Community consultation took place from 2 July to 9 August 2019.

There were 37 submissions received in total, 34 via Your Say Clarence, 1 response in writing and 2 responses from businesses via email.

Of the submissions received:

- 32 (86%) supported the proposal and 5 (14%) didn't
- 13 people offered suggested adjustments to the proposed smoke-free zone, 20 people offered their view on where smokers may relocate to
- 29 (85%) of the people who completed the survey were non-smokers with 5 (15%) being smokers
- 88% of people who completed the survey live in Clarence

Comments not in support of the proposal

The following comments were received from people who did not support the proposal:

- It's a bit excessive and time/money could be spent on something else. Not many people smoke these days and living within the zone I've never seen anyone smoking.
- The proposed smoke-free zone does not allow any smoking zones at all for visitors of the arena or beach area.
- I feel there needs to be an area out of street view that allows smokers to smoke and discard of their butts in a clean and appropriate manner.
- How is council going to impose this? Is council going to employ full time smoking police?
- What happens to residents who live on these streets if they would like to smoke? They can't on the footpath? But what about in the car?
- Whatever is currently in place seems to be working.
- Keep it as is.
- Smokers will congregate near surrounding residents' houses which is unfair on residents and not acceptable during events.

Suggested adjustments to the proposed smoke-free area

The following comments were received from people who suggested amendments to the proposal:

- The proposed smoke-free zone should go even further and continue all the way along Bellerive Beach. That would provide less confusion.
- It should go back a block beyond each margin so smokers don't just congregate at the edge of the boundaries.
- I would like to see the extension further for other high density areas of CCC.
- Extend it further and ban it outside hotels in Clarence and other sporting venues.

Comments provided on where smokers may relocate to

The following comments were provided suggesting areas where smokers may relocate to:

- I would like to see two allocated areas in the vicinity of Blundstone arena (external) that provides for a blocked off smoking area to non-public areas or not within 10 metres of another person.
- Smoking room needs to be provided for use during events.
- To the beach and not to other local streets. They could smoke in their cars.
- Away from anywhere families gather.
- Anywhere but not so we have to breathe their smoke and not in front of children.
- Surrounding streets.
- Not too distant or the rules will just be disobeyed.
- Designated area near the car park at rear of venue.

Feedback from Cricket Tasmania

The following comments were provided by Cricket Tasmania:

- Bring the zone back to the footpath on the stadium/park side of the road
- Consider three smoking areas (see attached map). Those being:
 - At the rear of the David Boon Stand adjacent to car-park
 - On nature strip in Church Street (under pine tree area – southern end of North East Stand)
 - In Derwent Street on the gravel area adjacent to car-park

The comments and suggestions received from the consultation process identify strong support for the original proposed smoke-free area. There were valid comments offered for both increasing the smoke-free area and reducing the area to allow for smoking in areas that would be considered to have minimal public health impact.