

Expanding Adult Time, Adult Crime and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026

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I bought Lyra Cafe in Coolangatta (previously Koffee at Tiffany's) 12 months ago. During the time I have been operating the cafe I have witnessed extremely bad antisocial behaviour from teenagers and homeless individuals including violence, abusiveness, destruction of property, alcohol and drug use and littering. This behaviour effects the cafe as customers dont wish to sit at our tables and be harrassed for money or risk being abused. In the last few months we have noticed an increase in the homeless loitering around the cafe and the neighbouring businesses making it an extremely unpleasant environment for customers and staff.

I have owned cafes and restaurants in the past and am finding it harder than ever to make ends meet. I believe the antisocial issues in the area are largely to blame for the lack of trade.

As a tax payer, rate payer and a business owner I implore the Government and local councils to do something about these issues.