

## WYATT OPPOSES DAN'S AS 'PROBLEMATIC'

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The federal Indigenous Affairs Minister has criticised the government's approach to cutting red tape in the way of Dan Murphy's saying the development could still have significant impact on the neighbouring Indigenous communities.

Minister Ken Wyatt said given there were three nearby communities in Minmarama, Kulaluk and Bagot, the new store would have an impact.

"If you've got three communities which are dry and alcohol becomes problematic, people will look at that and then say it's an Aboriginal problem," he said.

"That might be the case but if you put a significant business like that in the middle of three communities, you're asking for temptation to prevail ... I don't support that decision."

Mr Wyatt said the perception of those temptations could have an impact on the liquor store, regardless of whether they used the store.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner backed his government's decision made in a timely manner.

"All we've said is we want a decision to be made," he said.

## BAGOT NOW AGAINST DAN AGAIN

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By Will Zwar

Bagot Community elder Helen Fejo-Frith has again changed her position on the Dan Murphy's proposal, now opposing the airport development.

Ms Fejo-Frith told the ABC she regretted signing a letter to Dan Murphy's where she withdrew her opposition after Dan Murphy's relocated the proposed site, moving a further 1.3km away from Indigenous communities.

"We don't want another [alcohol] outlet here, we've got enough as it is," she told the ABC.

"The message is as strong as I can put it."

Traffic works will still take place, upgrading the safety of the dangerous six-lane Bagot Road intersection with Osgood Drive, keeping the Minmarama and Kulaluk communities inside but Bagot Community still held concerns about the impact any new liquor outlet could have, whether it was within walking distance or not.

"For Bagot Road, we didn't want it on there because we've seen so many people getting hit and deaths on that road and because of the alcohol," Ms Fejo-Frith said.

The Dan Murphy's application for its Osgood Drive store is currently under consideration by the director of licensing, following amended legislation to fast track the process made earlier this month. Attempts were made to get in contact with Ms Fejo-Frith.