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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A Development Application (DA 2018/21) for a water bottling facility was submitted to King Island Council by Duncan McFie on 22 May 2018. It was advertised in the King Island Courier and the Advocate on 30 May 2018, as well as on the King Island Council Website pursuant to section 57 of the Land Use Planning Approvals Act 1993. No representations were made in relation to the proposal during the 14-day advertising period, which is now closed. The application is currently being assessed.

Bloop Bloop was established by Director and Founder Duncan McFie in recognition of the community's desire for better tasting drinking water and since its inception has been providing large (15L) water dispensers for home and office use across the Island. As with most members of this close-knit community, however, Duncan also wears a number of different hats, and has served on the King Island Council since 2006 and as Mayor since 2014.

These roles, however, provide no influence over the operational functions of the organisation, with Duncan and his business interests subject to the same application of the planning scheme and environmental controls as every other member of the community.

To this end, Bloop Bloop's temporary facilities were inspected by Council's Development Services Officer and an Independent Health Inspector in March 2018, as part of a regular Environmental Health Inspection. At this time, the off-Island health inspector provided instruction to refine the temporary facility whilst proceeding with the development application for a more permanent site (to which DA 2018/21 applies). These instructions included the requirement for water testing and the addition of a partition wall.

These requirements were fulfilled by Bloop Bloop and a planning application was submitted and currently in process for evaluation of approval.

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