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Mr Darrell Channing
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Dear Mr Channing

**Re: Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation Applications for
Authorisation – Interested Party Consultation**

Having reviewed the application for authorisation made by the Office of Gaming Regulation, and also being cognisant of the profound harms associated with alcohol intoxication, the Alcohol and Drug Foundation Queensland supports the submission.

It is our view that liquor accords can provide benefits to the community. Ameliorative steps around the excessive consumption of alcohol should be scrutinised and supported where appropriate given the burden that such behaviour places on society.

Whilst detractors of liquor accords might focus on the strength of the evidence base, what is being proposed is voluntarily entered into and includes elements such as:

- No underage drinking
- Discouraging activities that encourage excessive drinking
- Promoting low alcohol beverages and food
- Maintaining Proper Standards of Behaviour

These elements and their efficacy in terms of strategies to reduce intoxication are axiomatic; they are as much in the public interest as reducing smoking in public places.

The National Alcohol strategy rates intoxication as its number one priority. Liquor accords fall well within the responses recommended by this strategy including 'Implement strategies to reduce the outcomes of intoxication and associated harm in and around late night (extended hours) licensed premises and outlets.'

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mitchell Giles'.

Mitchell Giles
Chief Executive Officer

