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Dear Mr Channing

Thankyou for your invitation to comment on the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation's (OLGR) application for a pro-forma liquor accord agreement. We are totally in agreement with any strategies which will encourage responsible consumption of alcohol and minimise the harmful effects of irresponsible alcohol use. These harmful effects are not only evident in the media reports of alcohol fuelled violence and drink driving but in the work of our Society which witnesses the impact on families and individuals of emotional, financial and social stresses caused by irresponsible alcohol use.

The strategies you outline are all very reasonable and we would like to add a couple of suggestions of our own which may be outside the scope of this agreement but still require consideration by those with the influence to effect change to current provisions: |

- Closing times for premises serving alcoholic beverages need to be brought back to 2 am at the latest. Such measures have proved effective where they are enforced in curbing alcohol related problems.
- The consumption of alcohol on premises where gambling take place should be highly regulated so as to not effect the judgement of persons involved in gambling. Our Society is well aware of the impact of problem gambling on individuals and families and often this is associated with alcohol abuse.

We hope these comments will be of some assistance to you in reviewing this worthwhile application.

Yours faithfully

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State President

