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Mr Darrell Channing
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Dear Mr Channing

I refer to your letter dated 28 April 2010, regarding the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation applications for authorisation.

I note that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission have received applications for authorisation from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation - Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) and thank you for the opportunity for Queensland Health to comment on the applications.

Queensland Health is supportive of OLGR's request for authorisation for a pro-forma liquor accord agreement as the measures outlined in the agreement seek to minimise alcohol-related harm for local communities.

Queensland Health implements a range of alcohol prevention programs to reduce harmful alcohol consumption and related harm. These programs also seek to encourage and support businesses to:

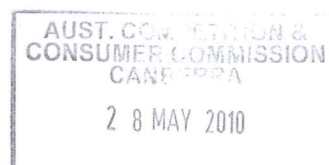
- create safer drinking environments;
- cease practices that encourage rapid intoxication such as discounted drinks;
- promote low-risk alcohol consumption through the promotion of standard drink messages and the supply of low alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic beverages; and
- provide a range of harm reduction measures, for example, safe transport options.

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It is Queensland Health's view that the public benefit resulting from the proposed liquor accord agreement would outweigh any effects on competition or any other public detriment.

Queensland Health does not wish to make a submission at this time, however, requests that the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission notes Queensland Health's support for OLGR's application.

Should you require further information, Queensland Health's contact is Mr Mark West, Acting Executive Director, Preventative Health Directorate, on telephone (07) 3328 9831.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Reid', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Reid
Director-General