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Mr Darrell Channing
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Dear Mr Channing

Re: Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) – interested party consultation

Thank you for your letter of 28 April 2010 regarding your request for comment on the OLGR's application seeking authorization to establish a pro-forma liquor accord agreement.

Several liquor accords are currently operating in Brisbane and Council officers maintain frequent contact with the business and community sector representatives who attend liquor accord meetings. Council officers also liaise regularly with OLGR officers in relation to licensing and alcohol management matters impacting on the city.

Council supports OLGR's application to establish a pro-forma liquor accord agreement. Such action would help to streamline administrative and procedural practices across the various liquor accords currently operating in Brisbane. It would also assist the future development of new accords in growth areas which currently do not have the benefit of such a mechanism.

However, while a pro-forma agreement is supported, it is considered that apart from providing a number of generic/core elements, sufficient flexibility should be allowed within the pro-forma to ensure that local circumstances are able to be appropriately reflected. In a city as large as Brisbane and in a state as diverse as Queensland, such local variations are crucial if local ownership of an accord agreement is to be secured.

Should you seek any further advice on this matter please do not hesitate to contact John Beirne, Program Officer Alcohol Management, on telephone number (07) 34036799 or by emailing john.beirne@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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