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Dear Ms Cunningham

Thank you for the invitation to provide a submission regarding the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation request for a reauthorisation of a pro-forma liquor accord arrangement.

QNADA represents a dynamic and broad-reaching specialist network within the non-government alcohol and other drug (NGO AOD) sector across Queensland. We have 36 member organisations, representing the majority of NGO AOD providers in Queensland.

QNADA welcomes the increased collaboration in implementing practical solutions to alcohol-related problems and improving community safety and amenity that accompany liquor accords. However, the limited evaluation of liquor accords has shown that although they do generally produce a reduction in alcohol-related violence in the short term, sustaining their benefits in the longer term is difficult¹. This research has shown that for liquor accords to be successful there must be external regulation and enforcement of the accords from those whose livelihood is not dependent on the sale of liquor.

While liquor accords are valuable tools for instigating and improving communication between licensees and services they have limited ability to have a long standing impact on alcohol-related harm reduction. As such they should be used in conjunction with other harm reduction activities.

QNADA would be pleased to expand further on this submission. I can be contacted at (07) 3023 5050 or at Rebecca.MacBean@qnada.org.au.

Kind regards

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¹ Loxley W, Gray D, Wilkinson C, Chikritzhs T, Midford R and Moore D 2005, Alcohol policy and harm reduction in Australia. *Drug and Alcohol Review*, 24:559–68.