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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 14 September 2012 enclosing petition numbers 1962-12 and 1976-12, regarding applications for a liquor licence, extended trading hours and an adult entertainment permit for premises proposed to be known as LA Showgirls, 368 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba.

I can advise that these applications have recently been advertised as part of the community consultation process prescribed in the *Liquor Act 1992*. A substantial number of objections have been received by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) in response to the advertising of the applications.

The Toowoomba Regional Council and the Queensland Police Service have also been invited to provide comment on the applications.

I can also advise that an objections conference will be organised in Toowoomba for the second week of October to provide an opportunity for all valid objectors to express their concerns directly to the applicant.

The decision in relation to the new licence and extended trading hours is one for the Queensland Liquor and Gaming Commission while the adult entertainment permit application will be determined by a delegate of the chief executive for the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

When all relevant information has been considered, a decision on the applications will be made having regard to the provisions of the *Liquor Act* and issues relating to any adverse impact the proposals may have on the locality.

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I can assure the petitioners their concerns have been noted and will be given careful consideration by the Commission and the delegate of the chief executive in assessing the merits of the applications.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the petitions.

Yours sincerely



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