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Neil Laurie

I refer to your letter of 13 February 2008 regarding two e-petitions tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 12 February 2008. E-petition number 979-07 is in relation to an objection to extended trading hours for provision of liquor at Legs & Kegs and number 932-07 relates to underage drinking.

Please find enclosed copies of my responses to the principal petitioners, Ms Karen Williams (979-07) and Ms Robyn Emerson (932-07).

I would be grateful if you could arrange for my response to Ms Williams and Ms Emerson to be tabled in Parliament on my behalf. As requested, an electronic copy of the letters will be forwarded to the Table Office.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Fraser

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Ms K Williams
20 Beenwerrin Crescent
CAPALABA QLD 4157

Dear Ms Williams,

Thank you for your e-petition regarding an application for extended trading hours for the 'Legs & Kegs Bar & Grill' in Capalaba.

Such applications fall under the jurisdiction of the Liquor Licensing Division, which administers licensed premises in line with the *Liquor Act 1992* (the Liquor Act).

The Liquor Act requires applications which may have an impact on the surrounding area to be advertised so any person who may be affected by the approval of the application has an opportunity to lodge their objection. Details of the allowable reasons for objection and where objections may be lodged are included in the advertising notice which is displayed in a conspicuous place for 28 days.

On conclusion of all required steps of the process the chief executive of the Liquor Licensing Division makes a decision on the application based on the information collected from members of the general public and the applicant.

As you were an objector to the application and attended a conference of concerned parties, your objection as well as your e-petition will be considered in the decision making process. The chief executive will notify you of the final decision once the matter has been finalised.

Yours sincerely

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Ms R Emerson
177 Hawken Drive
ST LUCIA QLD 4067

Dear Ms Emerson

Thank you for your e-petition regarding the problems associated with underage drinking in our community.

The Queensland Government is in the process of finalising a detailed review of the *Liquor Act 1992* (Liquor Act). The prevention of underage drinking remains a high priority and one of the proposed reforms is to insert a new section into the Liquor Act which makes it an offence for adults to recklessly supply alcohol to minors.

The Liquor Act currently prohibits people from supplying alcohol to minors on licensed premises or in public places and liquor compliance officers and police officers have the power to issue \$225 on-the-spot fines to minors for possessing or consuming alcohol. Adults who supply alcohol to minors in a public place can face on-the-spot fines of \$600, or prosecution with a maximum penalty of \$3,000 for the offence. In 2006-07, 231 fines were issued to adults who supplied alcohol to minors.

Developing a comprehensive strategy to combat the problem of underage drinking, secondary supply of alcohol to minors and binge drinking by young people, is part of the current review of the Liquor Act. The delivery of a major social marketing campaign aiming to improve social and cultural attitudes towards the abuse and misuse of alcohol is a central aspect of the Government's liquor reforms framework.

Two public documents have been released to facilitate public comment on the review of the Liquor Act. The first document *Liquor reform in Queensland: A Report on Liquor Reform in Queensland* was released on 2 December 2007. The second document, the Regulatory Impact Statement/Draft Public Benefit Test (RIS/DPBT) for the review of the Liquor Act, was released for public comment on 14 February 2008.

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While the date for submissions in relation to both these documents have closed, for your information they can be accessed at: www.liquor.qld.gov.au. The Government welcomes feedback on any issue relating to the review of the Liquor Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Fraser', written in a cursive style.

ANDREW FRASER

*P.S. Please send my
regards to Scott*