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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petitions 2319-14 and 2249-14, tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 14 and 15 October 2014 respectively, regarding the authority of local governments to approve or restrict adult entertainment permits under the *Liquor Act 1992* (the Act). The petitions request that the House repeal all laws and amend any regulations that prevent local governments from having the authority to approve or restrict adult entertainment permits.

I am pleased to advise that, due to a recent amendment to the Act, an application for an adult entertainment permit may only be made with the consent of the local government for the area in which the relevant premises are located. The amendment, which is reflected in section 105B of the Act, took effect on 6 June 2014.

I note that the petitioners have requested that local governments be empowered to make the final decision on adult entertainment permits once the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) has completed the relevant probity investigations.

Such an approach would require Queensland businesses and the OLGR to dedicate resources to applications that might be rejected by local governments on grounds unrelated to any consideration of the application under the Act. Having applicants seek local government approval prior to making an application for an adult entertainment permit is therefore a more efficient process, as it does not impose potentially unnecessary costs on stakeholders.

I trust this recent amendment to the Act will adequately address the petitioners' concerns.

Yours sincerely

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