



**Hon Peter Lawlor MP**  
Member for Southport



**Queensland  
Government**

**Minister for Tourism and Fair Trading**

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 22 May 2009 regarding petition number 1235-09 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 21 May 2009. The principal petitioner is Mr Mike Smalley of 25 Frobisher Street, Springwood who is seeking refusal of an application by Aceridge Pty Ltd for extended trading hours for the Chatswood Hills Tavern, Springwood.

On 16 September 2009, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Premier announced a moratorium on applications for extended trading hours between 12 midnight and 5am, to take effect immediately. This means that current applications for extended trading hours are now on hold for 12 months pending the completion of a Parliamentary inquiry into alcohol-related violence in Queensland. The Law, Safety and Justice Committee's report on the outcome of this inquiry is expected to be handed down in March 2010.

The moratorium will not affect the existing extended trading hours of current licensees, nor will it apply to trading on New Year's Eve or one-off major or special events and these applications will continue to be considered on a case by case basis.

It is also recognised there is a need for late night entertainment in appropriate environments and some allowance will be made for applications relating to a limited number of designated areas. While these areas are yet to be defined, it is likely they will include inner city areas with established entertainment precincts. All applications made in respect of the designated areas will continue to be rigorously assessed in accordance with the criteria prescribed in the *Liquor Act 1992*.

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The Bligh Government is committed to enhancing patron and community safety on and near licensed premises and to minimising harm from the misuse and abuse of alcohol, particularly where young people are concerned. This moratorium is another step in the Government's ongoing efforts to promote a safer and more responsible drinking culture in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Lawlor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'P'.

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