



Education, Employment and Training Committee
Public Hearing

Monday, 22 November 2021

2:00pm to 3:30pm

Townsville and Thuringowa Bowls Club

139 Charters Towers Road, Hermit Park

Inquiry into the operation of the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990*

Witnesses who have registered to speak

Ayr Chamber of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms Alissa Muir, President	
McConaghy Properties <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ms Katherine Langsford, Centre Manager – Castletown	
Birkett Enterprises, Foodworks Fresh Supermarket Charters Towers <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Lance and Mrs Danny Birkett	Sub 26
IGA Retailers <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Adam Westbury	

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Terms of reference

The terms of reference* for the Inquiry are that the committee inquire into and report on the operation of the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990* (the Act), in particular:

1. To consider the impact of amendments made by the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Amendment Act 2017*, with particular regard to:
 1. examining the impact of the moratorium on trading hours orders and restriction on making applications (section 59 of the Act) and recommendations following its expiry;
 2. examining the impact of the moratorium applicable to shops in Mossman and Port Douglas Tourist Area (section 56 of the Act) and recommendations following its expiry;
 3. examination of applications made, and consequences, for relaxation of provisions under section 5 of the Act and recommendations for improvement;
 4. the effectiveness of prescribing permitted hours in legislation;
 5. the suitability of the permitted hours as currently prescribed; and
 6. the role of the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission in setting permitted hours outside the prescribed hours.
2. The operation and performance of the provisions of the Act and how, in practice, different provisions are contributing to the objects of the Act and consider the impact of the existing framework for the regulation of trading hours in Queensland.
3. The effects of trading hours regulation on the Queensland economy and on regional Queensland.

*Liquor trading hours, penalty rates for retail employees working on public holidays and Sundays, and the dates public holidays are held on, are outside of the operation of the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990* and therefore outside of the inquiry terms of reference.

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