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Committee Secretary

Education, Employment and Training Committee
Parliament House, George Street
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Subject: Call for submissions and inquiry process – inquiry into the operation of the *Trading (Allowable Hours) Act 1990*

Dear Committee Secretary

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

Advance Cairns supports the 24-hour trading proposal for the Cairns CBD.

The reason for our support includes:

1. Potential improved security and reduction in crime (effectively eyes on street).
2. Creating vibrancy and better amenity that is essential for an international tourism city.
3. Better access to health services including, but not limited to pharmacies.
4. Providing economic development and stimulus to the CBD.
5. Greater convenience particularly for shift workers i.e., Cairns Hospital is nearby and operates 24/7.
6. With a shift towards higher density inner city residential living, CBD residents are demanding more convenience. Most larger cities around the world are moving toward 24/7 service.
7. Potential to boost inner city retail including reducing youth unemployment.

Yours sincerely

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