

## Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

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To the Committee Secretary,

Considering the Government's response to the Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022, I believe that the Bill does not address the immediate needs of the community living in the inner city of Brisbane and the surrounding areas. While my initial submission to this inquiry supports full deregulation, I subsequently support the partial deregulation proposed in this Bill. However, the timeline for these deregulation measures do not address the need of sufficient trading hours in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane CBD, Petrie Terrace, Milton, Toowong, South Brisbane, West End, Woolloongabba, and Kangaroo Point.

These areas represent the highest density of population in Queensland, yet the population within the areas are succumbed to overcrowding and empty shelves with the few supermarkets that open until 10pm in Newstead and New Farm. In addition, closed stores within these busy 7-day precincts lead to elevated levels of frustration and inconvenience for the community, as well as visitors to these areas.

I have seen firsthand many frustrated people at Fortitude Valley Station wanting to shop at Woolworths Fortitude Valley past 6 pm Sundays and Public Holidays, as well as past 9pm weekdays and on Saturdays. Additionally, I have witnessed people queuing at Coles Petrie Terrace weekdays prior to 7 am, as well as security guards turning people away at Woolworths Macarthur Chambers in the CBD at 9 pm weekdays and at 6 pm on Sundays.

To help immediately alleviate this problem with retail hours, I suggest that the areas of Fortitude Valley, Brisbane CBD, Petrie Terrace, Milton, Toowong, South Brisbane, West End, Woolloongabba, and Kangaroo Point shift into Zone 1 in the proposed Bill. This amendment can provide immediate benefits to the community in terms of convenience and supply, alleviating pressure off New Farm and Newstead supermarkets and its employees, as well as provide additional benefits outlined in my previous submission to this inquiry.

I thank you for the opportunity to allow me to respond to these proposed amendments in the Bill. If the committee requires any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,



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