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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
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Liquor and Gaming (Red Tape
Reduction) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2013 - Submission
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Dear Committee Members

Liquor and Gaming (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

On 14 March 2013 this association provided a submission on the proposed amendments incorporated in the *Red tape reduction and other reform proposals for regulation of liquor and gaming* expressing our genuine concern that the proposals will do nothing to ameliorate the already substantial problems caused by alcohol in Queensland.

We now find that the **Liquor and Gaming (Red Tape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013** which is to be presented to parliament following your Committees review goes even further than the original document envisaged by allowing community groups such as school fete committees to sell alcohol, for profit, without restriction.

This easing, along with allowing alcohol as raffle prizes is based on the implied honesty and character of the organiser. It is all too easy to say one thing and do another.

Still providing more ways to consume alcohol, the Bill proposes that florists can include alcohol in a gift basket, limousine drivers can sell alcohol to their hirers, barbers and hairdressers can sell to customers. The list goes on, all this based on the premise that the Regulations regarding quantity limitations and age awareness will be stringently observed.

This organisation does not have the expertise nor manpower to provide you with a scientifically researched document but, as members of the National Alliance for Action on Alcohol, strongly support the initial detailed submission made by them and now their new submission to your Committee. Our view is that of concerned Queensland citizens over the ever increasing availability of the habit forming drug, alcohol, despite the continuing presence of this substance in the road toll, hospital admissions, family breakdowns and violence and the overall economic cost. How can liberalising the availability make for a better Queensland.

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