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Research Director Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee Parliament House George Street Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Research Director

## RE: Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ) wishes to express support for the Government's commitment to implementing an evidence based policy framework to reduce alcohol fuelled violence in and around licensed premises in Queensland.

As such, CCIQ supports the move by Government to address and appropriately respond to the findings of the Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (TAFV Act) interim evaluation report delivered in January 2017.

CCIQ is backing the Government's decision to repeal the lock out based on the findings, and in place opt for a more measured mandatory ID scanning process for some venues to identify potential or previously problematic patrons.

However, CCIQ would like to raise concern of the technical amendment within the Bill that will wind back the trading hours for licensees who may find themselves outside of a Safe Night Precinct (SNP) as a result of future boundary changes. These venues will have their liquor service hours automatically wound back to 2am.

CCIQ strongly recommends that any changes to the SNP boundaries must not take place until extensive consultation with the affected businesses (both those who remain inside the SNP and those to be excluded), and for adequate justification to be provided to the public as to why the changes are proposed.

Furthermore, for such consultation to be as transparent as possible, it should be open to all members of the public and for organisations such as CCIQ to make comment on the changes.

CCIQ thanks the Committee for their consideration of our feedback on the Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 and welcomes any further discussion on the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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