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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Dear Acting Committee Secretary,

Re-Liquor (Rural Hotels Concession) Amendment Bill 2017

We are making this submission to the LACSC. We are in full support of such an Amendment Bill.

We own and operate The Prairie Hotel, a small hotel in the township of Prairie on the Flinders Highway, approximately four hours drive west of Townsville. Our main trade is accessed from passing trade and the tourist season, which is usually from May until September.

To change the existing rigid Liquor Licensing framework to reflect our unique circumstances of living in remote Australia, would be extremely welcomed. Living in remote Australia provides many challenges, the weather conditions, on- going drought, closure of services and limited access to many services and medical facilities all has an incredible impact on our way of life. Bush pubs are far more to communities than a place to socialise. The pub is also the information centre for the district, the grocery store, meeting place and parcel drop off. As the population in small towns such as ours continues to decline, so does our trade. The closure of several small outback hotels continues to increase. We simply can't afford high government fees. Finding the \$ 3507.00 to cover the OLGR Commercial Hotel License fee is not only daunting but a struggle each year. To see a concessional fee for Commercial Hotel Licenses in very remote Australia would be a benefit to us and the Outback tourism industry which contributes so much to the country.

Yours sincerely

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