

Liquor (Rural Hotels Concession) Amendment Bill 2017

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Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee**Attn: Acting Committee Secretary**

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SUBMISSION FOR THE REDUCTION IN LIQUOR LICENSING COSTS FOR VERY REMOTE HOTELS

To Whom It May Concern,

The Imperial Hotel Motel in Quilpie is located in the very far South West Queensland in a town with a population of 570 people.

Last year due to the drought and then the large quantity of rain we received during our peak tourist season we had a much reduced trading year. As we are such a small community we rely very heavily on our tourist trade to operate at a profit, and due to the weather, and other factors outside of our control we were impacted severely financially.

Due to stifled income we were forced to reduce our wages costs which has a flow on effect to some of the families in our town who rely on us for employment. Increased financial pressure also means we have to restrict our contribution to local charities and sporting groups which again effects many locals. We are the only Hotel in our town and as such we are the hub of the community – the consequences of the closure of our business would be devastating to the town.

Compared to the base line populations and income that Hotels in Metropolitan areas have access to, our situation in these remote communities is very different. So it is hard to understand why our licensing fees are the same.

It would be appreciated if the committee could assist us with a reduction in fees as these small communities are an important part of the Australian Landscape and need your assistance to be preserved.

Yours sincerely,

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Tina Fraser
Venue manager