

## THE LONGREACH TAVERN

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Acting Committee Secretary  
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Acting Committee Secretary,

I am writing this submission for the Committee to consider and approve the Bill to reduce Liquor Licence Fees for Pubs in rural communities.

Rural communities are suffering due to a number of factors - drought, employment opportunity, health and community services and a higher cost of living. In the past 2 years, the township of Longreach has lost one third (1/3) of the population which has impacted significantly on the town and businesses like my own.

Rural and country hotels are the backbone of these communities. We are more than just social venues; we are a community meeting place, a fundraiser for local events and charities and a support network and lifeline to many people living and working both in and around town.

Like so many other country towns, we can't survive on town alone and we all rely heavily on tourists passing through to make our dollar. Any reduction in costs will make a real difference to my Tavern and other rural pubs and will keep rural Queensland alive.

Kind Regards,



Kim Trad  
Owner