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Dear Mr Russo,

Submission to the Inquiry into the Police and Other Legislation (Identity and Biometric Capability) Amendment Bill 2018

The Queensland Hotels Association (QHA) would like to thank the Committee for allowing comment on the Bill before the Queensland Parliament.

The QHA is the peak body representing the hotel and tourism accommodation industry in Queensland. We currently comprise over 800 members, covering the state from beyond the tip of Cape York, to country pubs and throughout the coastal strip down to Coolangatta. These are the employers of over 80,000 Queenslanders, which provide entertainment every week to thousands of patrons and entice our tourists to stay a little longer.

Our goal is to promote a business environment that encourages these companies to invest, or re-invest, in Queensland and that members of the hotel and hospitality industry can operate within regulations that allow them a prosperous future.

The QHA has the following recommendations based on the real experiences of licensed venues regarding the Bill. The QHA will confine its recommendations to the aspect of the Bill's objective to:

- **provide for extended liquor trading arrangements for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.**

Automatic extended trading hours

The QHA supports the Bill's policy objective to appropriately enhance tourism and hospitality experiences in the Gold Coast SNPs by automatically allowing licensees of

licensed premises to serve liquor for an additional hour beyond the premises' current ordinary or permanently approved trading hours, for each day of the 2018 Commonwealth Games period.

Considering that the Commonwealth Games event venues and increased visitor accommodations span the length of the Gold Coast including locations at Coolangatta, Currumbin, Robina, Nerang, Southport, Carrara, Runaway Bay and Coomera, the extended trading hours should be applied more broadly than in the Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach SNP's alone.

The below table includes indicative capacity numbers but does not include athletes, officials or media personnel. Also note that many venues have multiple sessions of capacity attendance – morning / day / night.

Venue	Sports	Gross capacity
Carrara Stadium	Athletics, Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony	40,000
Robina Stadium	Rugby 7s	27,500
Gold Coast Aquatic Centre	Swimming, Diving	10,000/ 2,500
Coomera Sport and Leisure Centre	Gymnastics, Netball (finals)	7,500
Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre	Basketball (finals), Netball(preliminaries)	5,000
Gold Coast Hockey Centre	Hockey	5,000
Carrara Sports and Leisure Centre	Badminton, Powerlifting, Weightlifting, Wrestling	2,500
Village Roadshow Studios	Boxing, Table Tennis	2,500/ 2,750
Runaway Bay Sports Centre	Squash	3,000
Broadbeach Bowls Club	Lawn bowling	2,500
Carrara Indoor Stadium	Weightlifting	2,500
Southport Broadwater Parklands	Marathon, Racewalking, Triathlon	2,500
Elanora/Currumbin Valley	Road cycling	N/A
Nerang National Park	Mountain Biking	2,000
Queen Elizabeth Park	Beach Volleyball	4,000

The Commonwealth Games events are expected to be attended by 1.5 million spectators and are expected to attract 672,000 visitors as well as 6,600 athletes and team officials from 70 member nations and territories. This will be the largest sporting event Australia will see this decade and the biggest sporting spectacular the Gold Coast has ever seen.

To expect the Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach SNP's alone to accommodate these numbers is unrealistic and exacerbates safety and transport concerns. The extended trading hours should therefore apply to all licensed venues in the Gold Coast Local Government Area (LGA) which is clearly defined and offers ease of enforcement.

The QHA recommends that the automatic extended liquor trading arrangements be expanded to include all licensed venues in the Gold Coast LGA in order to appropriately enhance tourism and hospitality experiences in these locations.

Temporary late-night extended trading hours permits

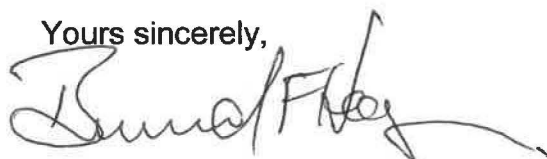
The QHA supports the waiving of any fees associated with applications for one-off extended trading beyond a venues approved hours and in addition to any automatic extended trading hours granted.

Further, any applications for one-off extended trading should be excluded from counting as part of the 6 opportunities available to licensees per year.

The QHA recommends that any applications for one-off extended trading hours during the Commonwealth Games period are excluded from counting towards any of a venues 6 applications per year.

Please contact me directly [REDACTED] should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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