



**Broadbeach Licensed Venues Association
Submission to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Safe Night Out Legislation Amendment Bill 2014**

Broadbeach on the Gold Coast is one of Queensland's most diverse and dynamic local precincts. Featuring a number of major shopping centres, boutiques, international hotels, apartments, offices, large public spaces, beach access, regular major events and transport hubs, it is a major activity centre for locals as well as day trippers, interstate and international tourists. As home to the Gold Coast Convention Centre and Jupiters Casino, Broadbeach is host to the majority of the Gold Coast's business events, and services a large number of visitors every day of the year.

Broadbeach has a diverse range of licensed venues within a relatively small area, with clubs, restaurants, cafes, bars and nightclubs all operating within the precinct.

The Broadbeach Licensed Venues Association (BLVA) was formed to:

- Provide businesses in the Broadbeach precinct with up to date information and regular dialogue with Broadbeach Alliance, Queensland Police Service (QPS), State Government Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR), Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) and other relevant authorities
- Provide representation and advocacy on behalf of the licenced venues of Broadbeach
- Establish, monitor and promote the Broadbeach Liquor Accord

Since its inception the BLVA has introduced a linked radio system across the precinct, promoted the nightlink bus service and supported the Broadbeach Designated Driver Program, as well as many other initiatives and programs, including making detailed and extensive submissions.

The BLVA believe that Broadbeach is an example of how business, Local & State Government, Police and other authorities can work co-operatively to promote public safety and improve amenity for locals, visitors and tourists.

The BLVA consulted with member businesses, as well as extensive committee input, to provide our submission in to the Safe Night Out Strategy Action Plan. In general terms the BLVA is very supportive of the proposals, and with Broadbeach being designated one of the fifteen 'Safe Night Precincts' will work closely with all agencies to ensure Broadbeach continues to be:

An environment for successful and profitable businesses, continuing to employ a large number of Queenslanders

A dynamic and diverse area, offering locals, visitors and tourists a range of exciting product and experiences that will continue to attract large numbers

A safe and secure environment for locals and visitors



As a result of our consultation and discussions with members, and the BLVA committee, we seek further information or clarification on the following:

Responsible Service of Alcohol

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b. Introducing mandatory requirements to operate networkable ID scanners for venues trading after midnight in Safe Night Precincts

For those venues trading after midnight we seek clarification on the specifics of the scanners required, both to ensure the venues that currently have scanners have the correct systems, and to provide information for venues who don't currently have scanners. We also seek clarification on the networking options and requirements, and whether funding will be available to assist in setting up these arrangements

c. Amending the definition of 'unduly intoxicated' to ensure successful action can be taken against licensees who serve alcohol to an intoxicated person, regardless of the cause of intoxication

We seek more details on the process that will be undertaken to derive this amended definition, and to ensure that licensees are not unduly burdened with the responsibility to enforce a potentially impractical definition

d. Increasing obligations on licensees to maintain a safe environment around their premises and make sure action can be taken against licensees that don't comply with these obligations

Clarification on the scope of this proposal, and how it would be implemented and enforced, specifically how licensees will be required to look after areas over which they have no jurisdiction and the legal implications of this

9. Establish Safe Night Precincts for the safe and effective local management of these areas. Safe Night Precincts will be declared in key entertainment precincts across the State.

We will do this by:

- a. Establishing a Safe Night Precinct local board as an incorporated association in each Safe Night Precinct, with membership of the association from all liquor licensees in the area, and other relevant representatives including from Chambers of Commerce, nominated community organisations, local government and Queensland Government agencies including police, transport and ambulance services.*
- b. Safe Night Precinct local boards will manage and plan for the precinct to address community safety issues including transport, lighting, public facilities and CCTV.*
- c. Providing funding for each Safe Night Precinct to provide rest and recovery sobering up services through non-government organisations.*

d. Ensuring Safe Night Precinct local boards can raise private funds and apply for grants from local, state and federal governments to implement locally relevant and appropriate initiatives to effectively manage alcohol and drug-related violence in the precinct.

The BLVA propose that as we are already an Incorporated Association with extensive membership from licensed venues in the precinct we take on the role of Broadbeach Safe Night Precinct Local Board. As the BLVA also has well developed working relationships with other relevant entities in the area the BLVA is best placed to take on this important role. The BLVA committee has agreed that the BLVA would be able to be restructured to suit any specific requirements to fulfil this important role

BLVA Committee July 2014

Chris Lynch (Alto Cucina & Bar)- President

Melissa Eslick (East)- Secretary

Bill Harding (Jupiters Casino)

Lou Cerantonio (Howl at the Moon)

Peter Thompson (Envy Hotel)

Anna Zahn (Broadbeach Alliance)

BLVA Member Businesses

1 two 3	Platinum
Alto Cucina & Bar	Sofitel (TC's & Room 81)
Bavarian Bier Café	The Surf Club Kurrawa
Broadbeach Tavern	The Beach Hotel
East	Commercial Licensing Specialists
Envy Hotel	Moo Moo The Wine Bar & Grill
GCCEC	Grumpy's Barefoot Bar & Grill
Guzman & Gomez	Koi Dining & Lounge Bar
Jupiters	Lust Café & Restaurant
Love Nightlife	Marigold Café Restaurant
Howl at the Moon	Oberoi's Taj
Mermaid Beach Tavern	Sage Cafe Restaurant
Mcdonalds	Yellowfin Seafood Restaurant
Oasis Shopping Centre	Base @ Broadbeach
Onyx Restaurant	Sensation Food & Wine Lounge
Peppers Broadbeach	Pita Pan Broadbeach
Mario's Italian Restaurant	Gold Coast Cabs