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The Research Director
Law, Justice and Safety Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Submissions in relation to late night trading

My submission is in relation to the suburb of Manly and late night trading but also includes my views in relation to late night trading generally.

Manly Village ("The Village") is a small area that sees business and residential development side by side. There are many families with young children in the area. Village residents in general are tolerant of reasonable noise and welcome activities that add value to the area and bring much needed revenue to local business owners. Unlike other areas that have late night trading e.g. Fortitude Valley, the Village is substantially a residential area.

The Village currently has one establishment (the Manly Hotel) that holds a license to trade until the early hours of the morning. My objection to late night trading is firstly in relation to the noise which regularly exceeds that which is allowed under their current licence but also in relation to the behaviour of patrons following closing time. On many occasions (usually at least once per week), fighting and aggressive behaviour takes place in the streets and parks adjacent to the hotel following closing time. I have on more than one occasion telephoned the police to report noisy behaviour and fighting. When the licence for the Manly Hotel was extended beyond midnight it was done as part of a "blanket" extension by government at that time and we were not given an opportunity to object to the extension but I am sure that many of us would have done so had the opportunity been available.

In these times of "Responsible Service of Alcohol" I think that an example should be set by not extending trading hours and thereby having a positive effect on the health and well being of both the patrons (limiting alcohol consumption and time spent away from families) and residents (limiting noise and offensive behaviour that is becoming all too regular).

I support the Queensland Police and the Queensland Ambulance Union in their opposition to late night trading in Queensland and would support a 12.00 midnight closing time for licensed venues particularly in the suburbs.

Kind regards,

Susan Weise