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To Whom It May Concern,

Please find a copy of our request for your support with this submission.

- All our staff are trained in RSA the same as a bottle shop employee - It could be argued that they have more experience as they are dealing with the actual consumption as well as removal of alcohol on a regular basis as opposed to just takeaway sales.
- If anything we are less of a risk than a bottle shop as our guests are having to consume or purchase a meal.
- In our case the financial effect it has had on business has been minimal but anything to help is certainly positive don't you think?
- Should we consider regulating pubs and clubs with detached bottle shops and stop them from selling barista coffee to protect restaurant and cafes? - No - I agree its ridiculous and works the same way for takeaway sales of alcohol from our venue - we are not a bottle shop nor do we expect to be one however the current limitations on our ability to sell takeaway alcohol with a meal certainly do not constitute us being a bottle shop nor becoming one ever. The new temporary rules are easy to follow and work well and we feel should become a permanent change.

Thank you for your time and I appreciate your consideration sincerely in advance.

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Kindest Regards

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**RE: Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response – Permanency) Amendment Bill 2021**

I am making this submission to request that the Queensland Government support Queensland's **8,354 restaurants, cafes & caterers** and their **112,000 employees** by allowing takeaway liquor to be sold with a meal by:

- Increasing the 1.5L limit to 2.25L
- Allowing the sale of wine, beer and RTDs

Queensland's hospitality sector has been one of the hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary takeaway liquor laws offered us the chance to keep our heads above water in this exceptionally challenging time.

Takeaway liquor has become an important source of revenue during this incredibly tough period and will be the difference between some venues staying open or shutting altogether.

Since the impact of nationwide lockdowns and the onset of COVID-19 in Australia, from March 2020 to February 2021, the turnover for liquor sales was \$16.06 billion, an increase of almost 30 percent from \$12.43 billion the previous year.

This is proof that the restaurant, café and catering sector can co-exist with bottle shops without taking their market share. This is especially the case in regional Queensland where the hospitality sector has been hit hardest.

In a time where the industry needs your help now more than ever, please don't let down the hardworking people of the hospitality sector.

Suppliers, business owners and the 112,000 Queenslanders who rely on hospitality employment are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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