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To: State Development and Regional Industries Committee
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response— Permanency) Amendment Bill 2021

Good evening,

I wish to make a submission on the above legislation in relation to the measures to allow the sale of takeaway alcohol in conjunction with take-away meals.

As a small craft brewery, and an advocate of the QLD Craft Beer Strategy, it was extremely disappointing that the Bill was amended due to lobbying from the QHA.

The measures made during the COVID pandemic made a great deal of sense and opened the eyes to the logical amendment to make this a permanent.

The latest amendment raised point that that:

“given some beer and pre-mixed alcoholic drinks with spirits have a very high percentage of alcohol by volume, therefore posing a greater risk of adverse intoxication, these types of liquor will not be able to be sold for takeaway.”

This point seems quite ridiculous given the average alcoholic percentage of wine normally exceeds 12%.

The average standard drinks of a bottle of wine is roughly 8.

The average standard drinks of a full strength (4.8%) abv beer/RTD six pack is 8.4.

The rationale that the sale of beer/RTDs is a greater risk than wine is laughable.

This is one of the few times where legislators have a chance to actually help out small to medium businesses.

The current beer/RTD scene is dominated by foreign owned corporations which now total over 90% of the Australian beer market. With the recent sale of Stone and Wood this represents the loss of 20% of the craft beer market to foreign owned corporations.

Small breweries and spirit producers are calling out for help during these times and the removal of these items in the bill just further reinforces the dominant hold that multinationals and large corporations have over the industry and sets back the Craft Beer Industry, to which your government was so vocal about having a Craft Beer Strategy.

Please reconsider the amendment on the grounds that it is factually incorrect and further, you are undoing the advances that you have made as part of your Craft Beer Strategy.

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