

Committee Secretary
State Development and Regional Industries Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

To the Committee Secretary,

As a consumer, I would like to make a late submission in reference to the Justice Legislation (Covid-19 Emergency Response - Permanency) Amendment Bill, in relation to takeaway liquor from cafes, restaurant and other hospitality establishments.

While I support the bill in principle, the proposed amendments do not reflect the needs of the consumer in reference to valid choice, convenience and competition. There are many consumers that prefer beer and ready to drink products over wine. The rationale behind the bill does not provide substantial evidence by omitting beer and ready to drink products, to reduce alcohol related issues in parts of the community. Licenced hospitality establishments such as cafes and restaurants abide by the responsible service of alcohol. In line with the relaxation of takeaway liquor rules over the last 18 months, these establishments continue to follow these guidelines set out by the OLGR.

There is published evidence over the last few years that alcohol sales and consumption continue to drop around Australia, including the period of when takeaway liquor became available from cafes, restaurants and other hospitality venues (Roy Morgen, 2020). These venues can coincide well into the future with traditional takeaway liquor outlets, contributing to healthy competition, convenience, as well as economic growth and recovery.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue for consideration by the committee. I hope along with many other consumers, that this bill will revert to allow beer and ready to drink products, to be offered along with a takeaway meal where applicable.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Aschman

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References

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