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**RESTAURANT LICENCE, INDOOROOPILLY SHOPPINGTOWN**

**Mr BEANLAND** (Indooroopilly—LP) (9.47 p.m.): I rise in this Adjournment debate to raise the very serious issue of an application for a 500-seat restaurant proposed for Indooroopilly Shoppingtown. I do this to place on the record my very strong objection to this application for what is a very large establishment.

I am not necessarily opposed to a restaurant going into Indooroopilly Shoppingtown, but I am strenuously opposed to the licence that this restaurant is endeavouring to obtain. I understand that the application by Pullenvale Estates Pty Ltd is to operate not only a restaurant but also 45 poker machines, a bottle shop, entertainment stage, Keno, PubTAB and so on. This operation would front Station Road, Indooroopilly. Not only would it operate until midnight four nights a week, it would operate until 2 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. At least, that is what is contained in the application. This will have huge ramifications for those living in the area, for the suburb itself and also for clubs in the area. I will say something about that in a moment.

I understand that the application is for a general or hotel licence. It is for a fully licensed hotel or tavern. The proposal might be put up under the name of a restaurant, but my understanding is that this is a general licence that one would get for a hotel or a tavern. It is hardly a restaurant proposal. I have made submissions both to the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing and to the Treasurer about this application. I appeal to those two Ministers to give careful consideration to this application. I believe it should be rejected on a number of grounds. I also ask that the Brisbane City Council look further into this issue, although I understand that it has in fact approved the proposal.

I think it is quite mischievous that an application has been made for a restaurant licence when in fact a fully licensed tavern is proposed for Indooroopilly Shoppingtown. The application is not a limited application. Of course, no-one is against a restaurant. People build restaurants of different sizes at different places. This is an application for a general licence, but it is a gambling and entertainment centre. As I say, it has 45 poker machines. It is also going to have Keno, PubTAB and a takeaway bottle shop. It is going into Indooroopilly Shoppingtown—

**Mr Palaszcuk:** What is the location?

**Mr BEANLAND:** To answer the Minister's question, it fronts Station Road. It is going into the old council library on that level where one walks in off Station Road. I only found out about this application some days ago. Obviously I am greatly concerned about the matter because of the effect that it will have on the residents of the area. It will also have an effect on local clubs. We have Australian Rules clubs, the Taringa Rovers soccer club and a number of bowls clubs. All these clubs have poker machines but, between them, they would have fewer than 45 poker machines. The Sherwood Services Club at Sherwood is a large operation and probably has 100 poker machines and it certainly will be affected.

Apart from that, we have a number of liquor outlets in the area. We have adequate takeaways, bottle shops and clubs. We also have some hotels where people can go and have a drink or a meal and gamble at the same time. Why this place needs a PubTAB I do not know. As most members are aware, I am not against having a bet, but this is ridiculous. There are TAB facilities up the road, down the road, across the street and wherever. We certainly do not need another PubTAB.

This is a major application under the guise of a restaurant. I do not know what the advertising requirements are these days, but I ask the Minister for Local Government to have a look at this. The local residents certainly were not advised of this application. I personally was not advised about it because I would have jumped on the issue immediately.

One can appreciate that at 2 o'clock in the morning intoxicated people would roll out of the premises. The building will have a stage for full entertainment and a gambling area. Patrons will be able to get takeaways from the bottle shop. Station Road is a busy area containing a lot of cinemas and coffee shops. It has links with the railway station. There are also a number of retail outlets. I can see a lot of social disturbances occurring in the area.

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