

Question on Notice
No. 1685
Asked on 15 September 2016

Mr Bleijie asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

With reference to an article titled 'Early pub closing times work for Kings Cross – they will for Queensland too' published in The Conversation on 9 April 2015, and I quote Professor Miller who has just been awarded the tender to review the government's laws in that article 'The state of Kings Cross a year on provides clear support for the newly elected Queensland government's proposal but, not unexpectedly, industry groups are critical of the idea'—

Will the Premier advise how Queenslanders can have confidence in the independence of this review when Professor Miller has already made his mind up about the policy considering his publicly stated support for the Labor Government's policy prior to being awarded the tender?

ANSWER:

Professor Peter Miller, a Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Health, Deakin University is a member of the project team of well-respected academics which has been appointed to undertake the evaluation of the Government's Tackling Alcohol-Fuelled Violence Policy.

Professor Miller has formed his views, through an extensive body of research, on what mechanisms have been effective in other jurisdictions to reduce alcohol-related violence. Professor Miller has been quoted publicly on these issues on a number of occasions.

The task of this review is to determine whether these measures are effective in the Queensland context.

Deakin University, working with the University of Queensland, James Cook University and LaTrobe University, was selected as the organisation to undertake the evaluation on the basis of an open tender process.