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HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT LIQUOR LICENSING

The process through which community views are considered during liquor licence applications is being reviewed for the first time in nine years, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

Members of the community and other stakeholders can now have their say directly to Government on the way community views are presented in liquor licence proposals.

“There’s been a lot said recently about liquor licensing. Now is the time to have your say and tell the Government what you think,” Mr Toole said.

“It’s important that those potentially affected by liquor licences have input into the assessment process, whether they be residents, councils, police or others.

“But it’s also important that pubs, bars and other venues can continue to provide options for people who want to socialise and enjoy themselves.”

Mr Toole said the review was an opportunity for the community to better understand the liquor licensing process, including Community Impact Statements, which are required as part of the assessment of liquor licences.

“There are a lot of myths out there about liquor licensing. The Government is not about stopping people from enjoying themselves, but we do have a responsibility to protect public safety.”

After considering all feedback, a report will be prepared for consideration by the NSW Government and made public.

Submissions close on Wednesday 26 July. To find out more about the review, including details on how to make a submission, visit:

<http://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/Pages/public-consultation/community-consultation/community-impact-statement-evaluation.aspx>

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