

New Liquor Law Reforms

Coast Hotel [REDACTED]

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To: Liquor Law Review <liquorlawreview@justice.nsw.gov.au>;

Dear Sir

I recently received a memo from the AHA regarding the new liquor law reforms and wish to state the following;

- We are a hotel located in Coffs harbour and are subject to a midnight lock-out as directed by the local liquor accord.
- We are closed by 2am so the 3.00am cessation of liquor sales law does not affect us.
- As a major tourist destination and being surrounded by many motels, the 10.00pm take away liquor law has restricted our take away sales especially on the weekends.
- The periodic liquor licensing scheme has incurred a \$5,500.00 annual fee for this hotel. The trading hours for the ground floor of this hotel is 24 hours however the beer garden and upstairs cocktail lounge have to be closed by 12 midnight. We are paying \$5,000 for one bar of our hotel to remain open. This fee has added further financial burden to the hotel industry which has been on a decline since 2009. This fee also places the lessee in an awkward situation as the freehold owner will not allow the reduction of hotel trading hours as this will devalue the sale potential of the hotel.

We are experiencing a dire economic period in the hospitality industry and these additional fees do nothing to assist the small business man who employ a large percentage of the local population.

Along with this the wages and penalty rates for weekends and public holidays are also crippling the industry. It would be a win/win situation if the government altered these fees and penalty rates to help small business survive.

Yours sincerely

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