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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 26 November 2014 enclosing petition number 2337-14, about an application for an adult entertainment permit for the Acacia Ridge Hotel.

Recent amendments to the *Liquor Act 1992* (Liquor Act) have empowered communities, through their local governments to veto proposed adult entertainment on licensed premises. An application for an adult entertainment permit under the Liquor Act may now only be made with the consent of the local government for the area.

In the case of the permit application for the Acacia Ridge Hotel, the Brisbane City Council (the Council) initially advised it had no objection. As a consequence, the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR) proceeded to advertise the application as part of the community consultation process prescribed in the Liquor Act and I am advised a number of objections have been received.

I understand the Council subsequently advised the applicant certain development approvals may be necessary. The application is now pending the outcome of those deliberations.

Should the application for an adult entertainment permit under the Liquor Act proceed, it will be decided by the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming, and in this regard I have forwarded the petition to the OLGR for consideration at that time as I have no decision making role in these matters. However, I can advise that the recent amendments to the Liquor Act allow the Commissioner to consider a wider range of health, public safety and amenity issues in deciding such applications. These amendments also allow the Commissioner greater scope to impose licence conditions to mitigate the risk posed by an application.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Mark Farrah, Director Licensing, Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation, Department of Justice and Attorney-General on 3872 0843 or at mark.farrah@justice.qld.gov.au.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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