

Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letters of 1 October 2004 and 8 October 2004 enclosing Petition Numbers. 368-04 and 383-04 from the Principal Petitioner Ms Claurine Tatton, regarding an application for a Detached Bottle Shop (DBS) proposed for Tenancy 2, 102 Howard Street, Nambour.

I am advised by the Liquor Licensing Division (Division) of my Department that an application was received on 28 July 2004 for a DBS affiliated with the Club Hotel, with proposed trading hours of 10:00am to 12:00 midnight, Monday to Sunday.

All applications received by the Division are considered on merit. Factors that must be considered when assessing an application include the public interest of the proposal, possible health and social impact issues, comment from local regulatory bodies, objections from local residents/visitors to the locality and the presence of sensitive sites or vulnerable sub-communities. As an example, the presence of the "kindergarten-preschool facility" mentioned in the petition will be part of the analysis. The concerns raised by members of the public will be fully considered in the determination of the application.

The application is still at an early stage and no decision has been made. In the event of a decision either way, the applicant or any valid objector has the right to appeal the decision to the Commercial and Consumer Tribunal. The Tribunal is an independent body that reviews decisions of the Chief Executive and may approve, set aside or otherwise determine an application.

Any members of the public can seek information on the progress of the application by contacting Mr Bob Smith of the Division on 3224 7397.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Keech MP
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and Wine Industry Development
Member for Albert