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Consumer and Business Services  
Attorney General's Department  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **FEEDBACK ON LIQUOR LICENSING DISCUSSION PAPER**

Thank you for providing City of Prospect with an opportunity to provide feedback on the liquor licensing discussion paper. As a progressive and forward-thinking Council, City of Prospect is keen to see the revision of legislation that will lead to increased vibrancy within the Council area by reducing obstacles that may otherwise prevent exciting development and initiatives.

Following review of the discussion paper, Council would like to express its support for reform of liquor licensing laws to:

- increase vibrancy by expanding the areas within which a small venues licence type can be held, with City of Prospect selected as a trial site (if a trial is necessary) to test the potential expansion to include inner metropolitan areas
- reduce red tape by streamlining assessment processes
- promote a safer drinking culture through complementary strategies and programs.

The themes explored in the discussion paper are relevant to City of Prospect due to Council's role in the assessment of new development including restaurants and bars, as well as its role in intervening in or objecting to liquor licensing applications. Improved processes would enable new licensed premises to be established without duplicating these assessment functions.

A desired growth in vibrancy of the Council area can also be influenced by reform of the liquor licensing system. Increased licensing flexibility would assist in maximising opportunities that arise, to complement and enhance Council's growing night-time economy. Particularly, it is desirable that small venue licences (or a similar licensing instrument) be expanded beyond the CBD to include new venues within City of Prospect.

As above, City of Prospect would like the Council area to be considered as a trial site to test the expansion of a small venue licensing system within the inner metropolitan area. Council has a history of cooperation and partnership with the State Government and is well-positioned to realise the benefits that such a licensing scheme could bring to the inner metropolitan area.

Council also plays a crucial role in supporting a happy and healthy community, and could assist in the promotion of such initiatives to its local community. While activation and vibrancy are desirable, community safety remains paramount. It should be ensured that licensing reform includes the promotion of programs and services that support a safe drinking culture.

Yours sincerely



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