



To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the South Australian Micro Brewers Association (SAMBA).

After group discussion on the points raised by the Discussion Paper, we would like to express our interest in being involved in the decision making process as much as possible. As key contributors to Vibrancy in the South Australian hospitality industry, and as business owners in one of the fastest growing liquor categories (Craft Beer), we feel it is appropriate that our voice be heard in the development of these reforms.

Here follows a dot-point list of suggestions and concerns raised by SAMBA members.

- Do we need 12 licenses? Might license holders and the public be better served with fewer, more generalised categories?
- Will those licences with unique existing conditions be considered, and will their conditions be preserved?
- In the interest of fairness, should the influence of local councils in licensing be controlled, or at least held to some universal standards?
- We would like to see some clarification of the details of the Needs Basis, in the form of a defined list of requirements in order to fulfil or fail those criteria, preferably with discrimination between types of liquor establishment.
- Consistency and transparency in RSA and RP requirements for licences.
- Some RSA focus on patrons, not just venue staff, eg: the 'No More, It's The Law' campaign in QLD. Craft Beer focussed establishments and events have a comparatively clean record of patron behaviour compared to that involving other liquor categories, and we would prefer not to be held to "King's Cross" standards.
- Similarly, we would prefer that Security and Crowd Control conditions take into account the different kinds of venues.
- SAMBA would like to see some guarantees on timeframes for license applications, some carrying-over of information from

previous applications, and other streamlining procedures for those applying regularly for Limited Licences.

- SAMBA is generally in favour of extending Small Bars Licenses outside of the CBD, but would like to see some levelling of the playing field for other types of licences.
- If Liquor Licensing can be of influence in mitigating the discrepancy in tax burdens between the Beer and Wine industries, SAMBA would be more than happy to consult on how this might benefit local businesses.
- In relation to the sale of wine (and presumably beer) in supermarkets, SAMBA is generally in favour, but remains concerned about the potential impacts on the Independent Liquor Retailers to whom we owe so much of our off-premise support.

In general, SAMBA is unified in its support of Evidence-Based decision making in all aspects of the reform process. There are a wealth of examples, from around the country and the world, that can inform the changes made to our liquor licensing system. Wherever possible, SAMBA would like to see statistical evidence supporting beneficial outcomes for local, independent businesses in their decision-making processes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me personally at:

or:

On behalf of the South Australian Micro Brewers Association, thanks for your time.

Yours,

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