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Attorney General's Department
Parliament House,
North Tce.,
Adelaide, 5000

Dear Sirs,

Re Liquor Licensing Amendment Bill

I wish to make comments on the above Draft Bill.

My concern is that section of the Bill which would allow Supermarkets to sell wine.

Although there are certain safeguards put forward, I believe these would be totally inadequate to protect the public. These safeguards are only WITHIN the store.

If the proposed Bill becomes law it is an inevitable fact of life that within weeks or months the price of liquor will be dropped to act as a loss leader to bring customers into the store. Once one Supermarket does this, the rest will follow and will become a race to see who can sell alcohol the cheapest. The larger Supermarkets are well placed to sell liquor at a loss if necessary as this can easily be made up in other areas.

No matter what 'safeguards' are put in place by the Bill, it will not stop the above. In much the same way that (near) unfettered Gaming Machines have produced a serious gambling problem, this section of the Bill is **guaranteed** to produce an alcohol problem.

Giving the large supermarkets a monopoly to sell cheap alcohol will also see the demise of the independent wine shops.

Almost daily we read of increased alcohol related violence and the general concerns over increased alcoholism voiced by the AMA. Whichever party or Minister brings in this section of the Bill will forever have it wrapped round their neck like the proverbial albatross.

The British Government failed to learn from our mistakes with Gambling Machines (se enclosed). We should learn from their mistakes with Supermarkets selling cheap alcohol.

Yours faithfully,



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