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Dear Mr Trevithick

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2009 expressing concern over the large number of applications for trading hours beyond midnight for licensed venues, and proposing a moratorium on outstanding applications. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf.

The Queensland Government shares your concerns and on 17 September 2009, the Premier announced a moratorium on applications by pubs and clubs seeking to stay open after midnight in a bid to further crack down on alcohol-fuelled violence.

The Government will amend the *Liquor Act 1992* to impose the moratorium on all Liquor Licensing applications for extended trading hours between 12:00am and 5:00am. The moratorium will be effective as of the date of the announcement and will remain in place for 12 months, pending the outcomes of the Law, Justice and Safety Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Alcohol-Related Violence. The committee is due to report in March 2010.

The Queensland Government has listened to community concerns about the impact of extended trading hours on local communities — particularly in the suburban areas — and responded by announcing this moratorium.

The Government does recognise however, the need to maintain the opportunity for Queenslanders to enjoy a vibrant night life.

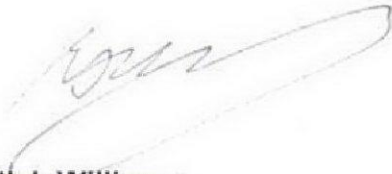
For this reason, the legislation will allow the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation to consider applications on an exceptional basis for extended trading hours, within the moratorium period, but only in a limited number of designated areas which have a concentration of venues already operating with extended trading hours.

In addition to the moratorium, the Queensland Government also announced new measures to address the issue of 'glassings' where high risk venues will be prohibited from using regular glass, including bottles and jugs.

These measures demonstrate the Government's ongoing commitment to minimising harm to individuals and communities arising from the misuse and abuse of alcohol.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Premier's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Williams', written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

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