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Dear Sir

**Subject: Application for an extension to Gaming Hours at the Wharf Tavern, Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba**

OSCAR is the peak body representing resident and community organisations on the Sunshine Coast.

I am writing on behalf of one of our member organisations, the Mooloolaba Spit Protection Association Inc (MSPA), which represents residents directly impacted by this application for an extension of gaming hours at the subject premises.

OSCAR advocates on members' behalf on a range of issues including open governance, transparency and appropriate community consultation and this application appears to fail all tests of a "fair and reasonable" process for the following reasons:

- The submission period from 19 December 2018 to 4 January 2019 is totally inadequate for meaningful community comment given that it covers the Christmas and New Year period when many residents would be on holidays and would not be reasonably expecting such an application at this time of the year.
- This is particularly true given the fact that the SPA met with the Tavern's management on 17 December to discuss the existing issues of drunk patrons and loud music disturbing residents in Parkyn Parade and no mention was made of this application.
- The apparent requirement, according to the notice, for submissions to be made in writing and sent to the OLGR by post; again a totally inappropriate requirement given the timeframes involved. We assume the source for this information was the applicant's Notice of Application rather than a requirement of the OLGR and OSCAR would appreciate confirmation of that fact.
- The location of signage for the application away from the Tavern's entrance and near the rubbish bin area.

We also note that the MSPA objects to this extension of gaming hours for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- Approval of this application would result in further reduction in the amenity of the area with considerable trouble and disturbance already occurring from drunk patrons leaving the venue at 3 am; this would add another exit time and affect amenity and sleep of residents.
- The Wharf Redevelopment is designed as a family friendly environment and the further increase in hours for gaming is irresponsible and contrary to the re-purposed Wharf precinct.

For the reasons outlined above we would urge the OLGR to refuse this application. At the very least the applicant should be required to conduct more rigorous community consultation and following that restart the comment period.

It is vital, if the community is to have faith in process when State Government controlled regulation is involved, that reasonable opportunity is afforded the community to have input and have its opinion heard and acted upon.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Smith  
**President**

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