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SUBMISSION FOR THE CONSULTATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT INVESTIGATION INTO PROPOSED CHRISTMAS EVE PART-DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2019.

2nd September 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing from The Commercial Hotel Tara. We are the only pub in a small country town, four hours West of Brisbane. We are a small business, run by a local family, with 14 local staff in our employ.

Tara is a small rural town, with approximately 2000 people living in town and its surrounding area. The area is severely affected by drought, which obviously puts a serious strain on everyone in the community, particularly farmers and small business owners.

Being a one-pub town, we do our best to support our community in any way that we can. We are the major sponsors for almost every event held in our district. We are very proud members of our community and we love to be involved with anything that shines a positive light on our area.

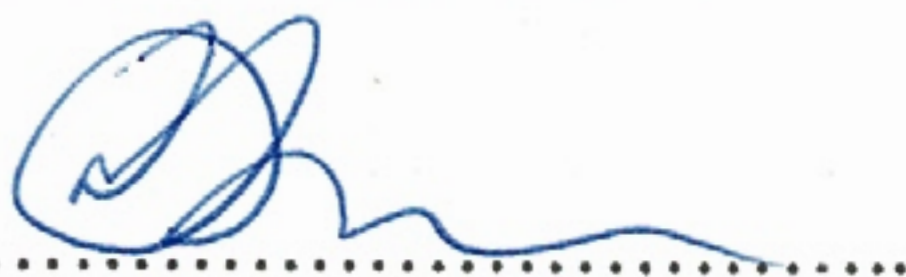
The proposed Christmas Eve part-day public holiday would have a tremendous negative impact on not only our business, but also on our community. It would mean that we unfortunately would no longer be able to continue to keep our doors open after 6pm Christmas Eve.

We are the only dining place in town, offering lunch and dinner seven days a week. As we do not require table bookings, we can never be sure of how many people will come in for meals over the holiday period. Being unable to provide meals on Christmas Eve would affect our whole town. Not only would our community members lose the only dining option in Tara, but all other locals businesses would be affected by loss of business from people travelling out of town for their Christmas supplies instead of buying locally.

Our staff would also feel the effect of having to close by 6pm with loss of work hours meaning loss of wages for them.

I truly hope the information provided in this letter will be taken into consideration in your decision making.

Yours Sincerely
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