

Barcoo Hotel BLACKALL QLD 4472

SUBMISSION FOR THE CONSULTATION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

INVESTIGATION INTO PROPOSED CHRISTMAS EVE PART-DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2019

DATE 01/09/2019

The introduction to part day public holiday will impact our small business significantly for all the wrong reasons we are located in Central Western Qld – Barcoo Hotel BLACKALL QLD 4472 being a small population of approx. 1500 people including surrounding properties and only having 2 licenced Hotels in the area one of our hotels closes currently at 6pm daily, so we are literally the only licenced premise to supply evening Meals drinks or takeaways to locals and the visitors in the CBD of Blackall, we have minimal fast food outlets left in our struggling area.

The introduction of a part-day public holiday on Christmas Eve will have the following impacts on my business:

Additional wages costs

This would be quiet a significant rise in our wages as Xmas eve is a busy period for us as visitors and locals come out to see friends' & relatives and use our venue as a meeting hub usually there would be anywhere from 2-4 staff members in the bar and 2 in the kitchen providing food and beverage closing early will mean there will literally be no licenced premise to visit on the eve of Christmas and closing our hotel early will also cause our Main Street to become quite deescalate due to the space our building takes up and the lighting we provide in our area.

Close the business earlier

Is more than likely the only option we will take if the public holiday comes in due to the high expense in wages and yet the drink prices can not change to reflect the higher expense and if it does locals and visitors will just go home anyway

Reduced hours for employees

This will mean some of our casual employees may lose anywhere up to 10 hours for the day be it a split shift or no shift given due to shortness of the days trade

Impact on local Community

Will be quite significant due to meeting the demands of workers both out of town and travelers not realizing we will be closing at earlier times and not offering evening meals or beverage

Yours sincerely,

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