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Most of you will have read that the moratorium on late night trading hours has been lifted by the State Government. This has led to many venues seeking to extend their trading hours, and we are very busy making those applications. In these applications, venues are typically assessed not only in relation to the licence type but also the locality serviced by the venue.

In certain high density locations (such as Fortitude Valley, the Brisbane CBD, Surfers Paradise and similar areas in larger provincial cities) it is likely these late night trading hours will be deemed appropriate and will be approved.

For the most part, the protections outlined by Liquor Accords in some of these districts (and also the Safe Night Out precincts) help these applications to be considered favourably.

However, where an application is made for a premise in the middle of suburbia, a series of different impact issues will be relevant.

The Regulator is maintaining a very responsible approach in relation to the assessment of these late night trading applications. Our firm is delighted to be involved in preparing community impact statements and other relevant material for consideration by the department in terms of these applications.

From a social perspective, I am of the view that the State Government is applying a common sense approach to the risks associated with late night trading rather than a "one size fits all" approach.



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