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Mr Neil Laurie
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

I refer to e-Petition 4204-25 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 20 May 2025 titled Retail of Alcohol.

I acknowledge the concerns of the petitioners about Queensland's liquor legislation which prevents alcohol from being sold in supermarkets. I note the petition calls for the Government to allow retailers such as Aldi to sell takeaway liquor to align with other jurisdictions.

As a harm-minimisation measure, Queensland's liquor legislation currently requires a licensee to hold a commercial hotel licence to operate a bottle shop. A hotel licensee can be approved to operate up to three detached bottle shops located within 10 kilometres of the main hotel premises. The granting of a liquor licence to a supermarket is prohibited.

These provisions were originally put in place to support reasonable controls on the overall number of detached bottle shops in Queensland and help to ensure only specialist providers engaged specifically in alcohol management can sell takeaway liquor.

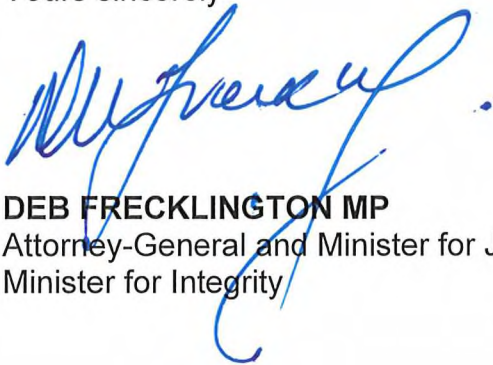
While the ability to operate a bottle shop is limited to commercial hotel licences, several licence types currently authorise the sale of some types and quantities of takeaway liquor. These include restaurants and cafés (up to 1.5 litres of wine with a takeaway meal), artisan producer licences (beer or spirits produced on the licensed premises), and Queensland wine producers (for the producer's own wine).

The regulation of the sale of liquor requires an approach that strikes an appropriate balance between supporting the development of Queensland's liquor, hospitality, and retail industries and minimising the risk of harm from the misuse and abuse of alcohol in the community. Any changes to the current provisions would require careful consideration.

While consideration of changes to allow supermarkets to sell alcohol is not an immediate priority for the Crisafulli Government, I have committed to consulting with all stakeholders about sensible changes to regulations that support Queensland small businesses and improve competition to benefit consumers.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely



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