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Minister for Police; Road Safety;
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Our Ref: 45-44440

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien

Simon

Thank you for your letter of 20 October 2016 regarding Petition No. 131 – Oppose location of liquor store in South Hedland shopping centre.

Western Australia Police advise they are aware of the impact the Liquorland store has on the community of South Hedland and advise contact with the principal petitioner, Mr Phillip Wright, is ongoing.

Excessive alcohol consumption in South Hedland have been well reported and South Hedland Police continue to target the store and surrounding areas to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour and alcohol related crime.

WA Police advise Senior Sergeant Snashall, Officer in Charge South Hedland Police Station, has discussed the concerns raised by Mr Wright with both the local and state managers of Liquorland. I can advise Liquorland have recently employed an additional security officer and have implemented a policy of selling one carton of full strength beer per person after 5.00pm.

I understand Liquorland has also engaged a private consultant to undertake a review of the store and the impact on the community.

I have also been informed that the South Hedland Liquor Accord recently met with several key stakeholders, who unanimously agreed to implement liquor restrictions. I understand these restrictions will be formally drafted for endorsement by the Director of Racing, Gaming and Liquor.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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