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Dear Mr Shen

Airports Act 1996 - Consultation on review of sunsetting regulations

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on stage two of the sunsetting review of regulations under the _Airports Act 1996_ (Cth) and the ability to make comment on liquor control activities within Commonwealth airports.

As you are aware, the control of liquor in Tasmanian Commonwealth operated airports is substantially regulated by me under the _Liquor Licensing Act 1990_ (Tas). Provisions that do not apply to premises located within the Hobart International Airport and Launceston Airport include mechanisms for me to seek further information about applicants and their associates that assists me to properly consider an application for a liquor licence; the facility for public comment and advertisement on new applications; and the ability for me to issue liquor restriction orders.

Issues have arisen due to s 47 of the Liquor Licencing Act not applying within airports, in that the licenced premises have been modified without my oversight resulting in outcomes that I did not consider in the best interests of the community. Consequently it is my view that at the very least there should be amendment to Part 6 of Schedule 1 such that matters covered by s 47 and s 23(2) (i.e. in relation to my ability to seek information regarding associates) are removed.

Should you have any queries or require any further information regarding this matter, please contact Fiona McIntyre on 03 6145 5741 or email Fiona.McIntyre@treasury.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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