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Dear Ryan

Thank you for your letter of 28 July.

As you have noted, I have ruled out making changes to last drinks or closing times – now and in the future. I have also been clear that Sydney-style lock out laws have not, and will not, be part of our policy approach. My view is that the community, industry, government and police need to work constructively together to address alcohol fuelled violence and a blunt instrument around reducing trading hours is not the most effective means.

Regarding the two specific points you asked me to address, I can advise that there will be no fee increases above inflation in the next term of the Assembly. In fact, to encourage and support smaller, low-risk venues, we will look to reduce fees, which will support more diverse entertainment options.

Your suggestion that we diversify the membership of the Liquor Advisory Board is a good idea. This will require an amendment to legislation and I am happy to put this forward in the next term of the Assembly.

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Over the coming weeks, we will release plans to bring more events, support live music and help the community get together to enjoy the city. We look forward to your contribution to this discussion, too.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Barr".

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