**LETTER OF OBJECTION**

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Date:

The Secretary

XX District Licensing Committee

XX Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Application for renewal of club licence:

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| Premise Name : |  |
| Address of the premise: |  |
| Type of licence: | Club licence |

On the following basis, I/we wish to confirm that I/we have an interest in this application which is greater than the public generally:

[*please explain why you have interest in this application that is greater than the public generally – examples are provided*]

I/We live within XX metres/kms of the proposed new premises. I/We have lived in the area for XX years.

I/We own/operate a business within XX metres/kms of the premises.

I am a principal/teacher/staff member at the local school.

I don’t live in the area but I work within XX metres/kms of the proposed premises.

My/our children often walk past the premises on the way to and home from [*school/library/shops/parks/public transport*].

**Reasons for objection:**

**The proposed club licence is inconsistent with the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain why you think the renewal of the licence will not minimise the harm from the excessive and inappropriate consumption of alcohol – an example is provided]*

I am writing to make an objection against the renewal of a club licence for this premises. The renewal of this licence will do nothing to minimise the harm caused by excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol. The renewal of this licence is very unlikely to minimise crime, damage, death, disease, disorderly behaviour, illness, or injury, to the community resulting from the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol.

**Suitability**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain why you think the applicant is not suitable to continue holding this alcohol licence – examples are provided]*

*[Check the licence renewal application to see if the applicant has ever been found to breach the law – e.g. selling to intoxicated persons, selling to minors, breaching noise limits, breaching street trading bylaws, breaching signage requirements, drink driving convictions, etc.]*

As a community we know [*little/something/a lot*] about the applicant and their suitability to hold a licence. I/We wish to question the suitability of the applicant.

We do not believe that the applicant has the required skills, experience, and understanding of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. [*Explain why*]

We would like to know if the applicant has a current manager’s certificate.

We are aware that this premises and other premises are operated by the applicant and do not believe that they have a good track record with compliance. We understand that the applicant has previously sold alcohol to an [*intoxicated person/underage person*].

**Local Alcohol Policy**

[*Check to see if your local Council has adopted a Local Alcohol Policy. If it has, explain how the Local Alcohol Policy affects this application*]

Our community has a local alcohol policy. This states that licensed premises must be more than 100m from a sensitive site. Surrounding this premises is a primary school and health centre. If the renewal is granted, we recommend conditions be placed on the licence so that it is consistent with the local alcohol policy.

**Trading hours**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain if you are concerned about the proposed trading hours in the application – examples provided]*

I/we are concerned about the late trading hours at this premises. Our community has already been plagued by late night noise and nuisance from this premises. We are concerned that the later the premises are open, the more noise and nuisance will be a problem for us, our neighbours, and other members of the community. We are particularly concerned about violence, drink-driving, and safety. We recommend that if the licence is renewed, that the closing hour is restricted to [*11pm/12am/1am*].

I/we are concerned about the early opening hour at this premises. We are concerned that children and young people on the way to school are being exposed to people selling and consuming alcohol. We are also concerned that having a club licence open so early puts heavy dependent drinkers and recovering drinkers at risk. We recommend that if the licence is renewed, that the opening hour is delayed to [*10am/11am/12pm*].

**Design and Layout**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain if you are concerned about the design and layout of the premises – examples provided]*

I/We are concerned about the design and layout of the premises. It looks quite dark and dingy. The configuration of the furnishings (bar leaners, stools) give an appearance of a venue set up for heavy ‘vertical’ drinking.

The visibility inside the premises from outside is obscured, and the premises may be more vulnerable to criminal activity given the poor sightlines to and from the premises. There appear to be several blind spots in the premises which staff may be unable to monitor.

**Other goods and services**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain if you are concerned about other goods and services being sold from the premises – this includes pokie machines, services of a brothel, etc.]*

I/We are concerned about the ongoing presence of [*pokie machines*] in the premises.

**Amenity and Good Order of our neighbourhood**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please explain why you think this premises might affect the amenity and good order of the community – produce evidence where you can]*

I/We believe that the amenity and good order of our neighbourhood will improve by more than a minor extent if the renewal of this licence is declined. There are already a number of alcohol licences in the area near the proposed premises. We deal with the frequent nuisance of alcohol-related noise, litter, urine, and vomit, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. We are worried about high levels of vandalism in our neighbourhood.

There are a number of sensitive sites in the area that are not compatible with continued operation of a club licence – these include [*Childcare centres / schools / playgrounds / marae / churches / medical centres / rehabilitation centres / social housing*].

**Systems, staff, and training**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe if you think the applicant has suitable systems, staff and training in place]*

I/We are concerned that the applicant has not demonstrated appropriate experience and training to implement the systems required and recruit and train appropriately qualified and experienced staff. It is very important if the licence is renewed, that the premises operates within the law and abides by conditions imposed on the licence. I/We believe that additional qualified duty managers are required to manage the premises throughout the week.

I/We are concerned that the applicant has not specified that any security will be available to manage the patrons attending the premises. We believe that additional security is needed for this premises.

**Matters arising from the licensing inspector’s report**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe any issues you would like to raise from the Council licensing inspectors report]*

I/We are concerned about issues raised in the licensing inspectors report. This includes…

**Matters arising from the Medical Officer of Health’s report**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe any issues you would like to raise from the Public Health report]*

I/We are concerned about issues raised in the Medical Officer of Health’s report. This includes…

**Matters arising from the Police report**

[IF APPLICABLE: *please describe any issues you would like to raise from the Police report]*

I/We are concerned about issues raised in the Police report. This includes…

For all of the above reasons, we believe that the non-renewal of this club licence will improve the amenity and good order of our community by more than a minor extent, in both the short-term and long-term. This in turn may lead to reduced alcohol-related harm and hence works towards achieving the object of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Should the licence be renewed, we respectfully request the District Licensing Committee to impose the following conditions:

*[Please insert a list of conditions you would like to ask the District Licensing Committee to impose – e.g. one-way door policy after 12pm, no selling of shots after midnight, closing of outdoor areas at a certain hour]*

I [*wish/do not wish*] to appear should a formal hearing of this application be held.

Yours sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_