1. On 4 August 2009, the Law, Justice and Safety Committee was requested by the Legislative Assembly to conduct an inquiry into alcohol-related violence in Queensland, with a focus on community safety and preventative measures to reduce alcohol related violence, including its ramifications. The Committee tabled the final report of the inquiry into alcohol-related violence in the Legislative Assembly (report) on 18 March 2010 with 68 recommendations to reduce alcohol-related violence in Queensland, and the Government response was tabled on 30 August 2010.
2. The central policy principle of the Government response to the report is the development of a place-based management approach, with a primary focus on community safety. The response announced the piloting of drink safe precincts (DSPs) in Fortitude Valley, Surfers Paradise and Townsville to deliver practical local solutions to reduce alcohol-related violence. The pilots will be for two years.
3. Increased police numbers, more support services provided by community groups, better public transport information, and special safe zones will be features of DSPs.
4. DSP committees have been established to draw together the combined resources of state and local government agencies, industry and community organisations to deliver practical local solutions to reduce alcohol-related violence.
5. The Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 amends legislation to:
* allow courts to issue an order to ban persons from DSPs;
* provide a head of power to prescribe in a regulation standard licensing conditions to apply to certain licence types or precincts; and
* prescribe DSPs.
* expand the Queensland Gaming Commission’s role so that it becomes the Queensland Liquor and Gaming Commission (Commission) and makes key liquor licensing decisions of significant community impact.
* extend the extended trading hours application moratorium until December 2013;
* prescribe new trading hours for new bottle shops;
* define ‘amenity’ in the Liquor Act;
* amend the objectives of the Liquor Act to make amenity, safety and harm management the primary objective of the Liquor Act; and
* provide for the Minister responsible for liquor regulation to make a direct objection to the Commission regarding any application of significant community impact;
* allow a person who is at least 17 years and 11 months to apply for an Adult Proof of Age Card. The same amendments also clarify that a person is only entitled to receive the card when they are at least 18 years of age.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the *Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010* into the Legislative Assembly*.*
2. *Attachments*
* [Liquor and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf); [Correction to Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes%20correction.pdf)