

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Liquor Act 1982*:

(a) to extend the trading hours of hotels on certain days during the 2007 Rugby World Cup, and

(b) to enable the trading hours of hotels to be extended during any period prescribed by the regulations (being a period that coincides with the holding of a special event of regional, State, national or international significance).

The extended hotel trading hours in relation to the 2007 Rugby World Cup are until 1 am on the mornings following Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October 2007 (hotels are normally required to close at midnight on Saturdays and 10 pm on Sundays), and from 5 am on the mornings of Sunday 7, Sunday 14 and Sunday 21 October 2007 (hotels normally cannot open until 10 am on a Sunday). These extended trading times coincide with the times when some of the final matches of the World Cup will be played.

In the case of the mornings of Sunday 7 October and Monday 8 October, the 1 am closing time (which is the anticipated finishing time of the matches being played at that time) will, if the relevant match is still in progress because of extra time or some other reason, be extended until the completion of the match. However, any such extended trading past 1 am will only apply if the hotel is actually showing live coverage of the match to its patrons.

The extended hotel trading permitted by the proposed Act, including any period prescribed by the regulations in relation to a special event, will only apply to the sale or supply of liquor for consumption in hotels.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act commences, or is taken to have commenced, on 6 October 2007.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendment to the *Liquor Act 1982* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after it commences. Once the amendment has commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect any amendments made by that Act.

Schedule 1 amends the *Liquor Act 1982* in the manner described in the above overview.