

PROVISION OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS

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Dear Mr Notley-Smith,

RE: INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2013, inviting ClubsNSW to provide comment to the Legislative Assembly Social Policy Committee with respect to the Inquiry into the provision of alcohol to minors discussion paper. We refer to our written submission to the Committee dated 27 July 2012.

ClubsNSW notes that the discussion paper does not propose to amend the *Liquor Act 2007* with respect to the provision of alcohol to minors in licensed premises. We consider this to be appropriate, as the existing legislative framework provides appropriate and sufficient protections regarding the provision of alcohol to minors in clubs.

Licensed clubs are widely recognised as safe, family friendly venues. Strict entry requirements mean that clubs exclude minors from entry and club membership unless they are in the company of an adult, or unless they take part in club-organised sporting activities. Once inside a club, a minor is prohibited to access the club's bar and gaming facilities.

Consistent with our previous submission, we wish to reiterate our support for a public education campaign relating to underage drinking, encouraging positive role models and instilling an ethic of parental and personal responsibility. ClubsNSW believes that the development of any such educative campaign should involve consultation with industry and other stakeholders.

ClubsNSW thanks the Committee for the opportunity to provide comment to the Inquiry. Should you wish to discuss this submission further, please do not hesitate to contact Anthony Trimarchi, ClubsNSW Policy Officer

Regards,

Anthony Ball
Chief Executive Officer