

**KARINGA PTY LTD**

**T/A PINE CREEK HOTEL/MOTEL & MAYSE'S CAFE**

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Our family has been operating the Pine Creek Hotel for over 50 years. We employ 14 people and operate a café, restaurant, bar and 30 rooms of accommodation. Unlike other licences in Pine Creek we operate 12 months of the year. Labour is difficult to find. Service and maintenance is expensive and usually delayed. We pay excessive freight charges for all the goods we buy.

In the 90s we used to pay liquor licensing levies on our wholesale purchases. Now we pay GST on all our alcohol sales. There is no need for further liquor taxes. In addition to the GST the Commonwealth also takes excise tax on alcohol. We were assured by the Federal Government that when we started paying GST that all other taxes and licensing fees would be null and void. Under our current trading situation we would be hard pressed to pay any licence fee. We are anticipating an increase in the GST in the next few years.

The original Kybrook Agreement worked well for 20 years. The local indigenous Kybrook community imposed alcohol restrictions upon Kybrook community members limiting them to 6 cans/bottles a day or the equivalent. This could be drunk on the licensed premise or away from the licensed premises

This agreement changed last year where the restrictions were lifted. This new agreement is not working as well, Kybrook people are more mobile and are bringing large amounts of alcohol from out of town.

Young people, including those at Kybrook, need to be educated about liquor and how to behave in licensed premises. Changing the Kybrook Agreement after 30 years emphasised the need for these patrons to be educated. They also need to know what authority management and bar staff have.

With respect to Trespass Notices issued by Police these had some effect years ago but now we find the Police reluctant to enforce them. We need effective Trespass Notices and enforcement otherwise we will continue to have problem drinkers try to attend our premises.

There are too many licences in this area. Pine Creek is a mining town or was. At the height of mining the town population was around 800 people, it is now about 300. There are four licences. 1 Public Hotel, 2 taverns and a Club. One of the taverns has had its Bar and Kitchen closed for 6 months, the other has closed its bar and kitchen for 4 months but still sold take away alcohol through their

attached shop, the third licence is the Pine Creek Turf Club which has not had a race meeting for 5 years nor has it submitted incorporated Association returns in that time or run proper AGMs and now finds itself still trading as a caravan park and camping ground well beyond the intended purpose of the club. There are too many licences in this town.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "M".

Chris Mason

Manager and Nominee

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