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Business Technical Advisory Panel

Submission to Panel

**Specific to Terms of Reference:
"Provide equitable Stakeholder treatment" and
"Consider financial impacts"**

This submission is to request a return to equal and fair liquor pricing for restaurants.

The previous government wrongly decided to give an unfair advantage to private liquor stores purchasing from the BCLDB and private wineries. The private stores now receive a discount and that same discount was inexplicably taken away from Restaurants who now pay the same prices as the general public.

There is a lot of pressure on small to medium size business and restaurants are feeling the effects strongly. Some key causes are significant rise in the price of food, rent in downtown Victoria (and other communities) has risen dramatically with increased property taxes passed on to the Lessees, as well as increases to minimum wage and extreme lack of qualified kitchen staff. All of these things contribute to shrinking margins in a business with one of the lowest profit margins in any conditions.

One of the guiding principals in our Business, as in many others, is the fair and equitable treatment of our family of employees. We do this by consistently providing excellent wages and working environment, along with extended medical and dental care plans. We are very aware that cost of living is increasing dramatically for our employees as well and strive to contribute to their advancement. We are also dedicated to being an actively contributing member of our community at all levels as we have been for the past 22 years.

Please put us back on a level playing field and reinstate equal and fair liquor pricing for restaurants.

Thank-you very much for your time.

Sincerely,



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