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## **VILLA LATE NIGHTS...DEAD**

**Member for Noosa Glen Elmes, with the full support of Noosa residents, has been fighting to stop an application to extend trading hours at the Villa Noosa Hotel.**

**Today that fight was won when the Premier announced a twelve month moratorium on all applications for extended liquor licensing trading hours.**

"For once, the Government has listened to the people and not given in to big business.

"Again, it was the people of Noosa who were the most pro-active and vocal in their opposition to this bid by the ALH-MGW Hotels group, 75% owned by Woolworths, to extend trading hours to 5a.m.

"My web site was inundated with a 'No' vote on extended trading, there were more than 1400 signatories to a paper petition and an e-petition. Many more wrote detailed letters of objection outlining their personal experiences of what happens in a community when there is extended trading hours at licensed premises.

"People are fed up with licensed premises being handed carte blanche to trade late, regardless of the consequences to the community.

"This move by the Premier is evidence of that and fortunately, for once, she has listened to the mood of the people and taken a principled stand against what was nothing short of an unconscionable cash grab by a corporate giant." Glen Elmes said.

"It's a win for people power across the State and particularly in Noosa." ENDS

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