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OPENING OF STRATHMONT BOULEVARD CAFE.

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(By the Premier)

MR. DASHEER, MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES, MY LORD MAYOR, YOUR HONOUR AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

- (1) THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME HERE.
- (2) THIS FIRST PERMANENT OUT-DOOR RESTAURANT IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS MOST RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE LICENSING ACT.
- (3) THE AMENDMENTS WERE DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO IMPROVE WHAT WAS ALREADY A HIGHLY FLEXIBLE LICENSING SITUATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA, BUT ALSO AS PART OF OUR TOTAL TOURIST PLANNING WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES BY WHICH SOUTH AUSTRALIANS AND TOURISTS COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROACHED TOURIST PLANNING NOT BECAUSE IT'S A KIND OF ICING ON OUR INDUSTRIAL CAKE, BUT BECAUSE IT IS THE MOST RAPID AND NON POLLUTING WE ENJOY TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
- (4) SERVICE INDUSTRIES SUCH AS TOURISM WILL GIVE THE STATE PART OF THAT STABLE EMPLOYMENT BASE WHICH WE NEED TO OFFSET OUR DEPENDENCE ON CONSUMER DURABLES.
- (5) BUT TO REFER BACK TO THE LICENSING ACT, WHICH WAS PASSED ORIGINALLY BY THE PREVIOUS LABOR GOVERNMENT. THE EFFECT OF THAT ACT AND ITS SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS BY THIS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TO CREATE LICENSING STANDARDS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA THAT ARE OF A FAR HIGHER QUALITY THAN EXIST ELSEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA.
- (6) THROUGHOUT THE METROPOLITAN AREA IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO GO TO HOTELS WHOSE FACILITIES AND DECOR AND STANDARD OF SERVICE ARE AS REMOTE FROM THE OLD BAR AND SWILL DAYS AS THE MOTOR CAR IS FROM THE HORSE AND BUGGY. SIMILARLY THE RANGE AND HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE IN OUR RESTAURANTS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT.

(7) IN ALL OF THESE THINGS THE PROMINENT ROLE PLAYED BY,
AND THE ENORMOUS CO-OPERATION THE GOVERNMENT HAS ENJOYED
FROM THE ~~80000~~ AUSTRALIAN HOTELS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN
OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

(8) AND IN THIS REGARD I WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO MENTION
MR. WHALLIN, LONG TIME PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN HOTELS
ASSOCIATION.