

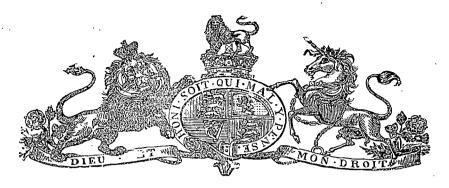
1890.

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

LICENSING ACT:

PETITION. FOR AMENDMENT.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. M'Call, and ordered by the House of Assembly to be printed, August 7, 1890.



To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Women of Tasmania,

SHOWETH:

That your Petitioners, from observation and reliable testimony, have reason to believe that the extension of the hours for the sale of liquor in public-houses has not resulted in stricter conformity to the law, but that, aided by the shortened hours of labour, it has given increased facilities for drinking to excess.

That your Petitioners respectfully submit that the traffic in intoxicating liquors is the source of much evil in the community, and especially to many of their own sex, who either become victims to the vice of drunkenness, or suffer at the hands of those who are inebriates.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honorable House to amend the law so that licensed houses shall be closed at ten o'clock at night, and to pass a law which shall give the ratepayers of any district the power to restrain the issue or renewal of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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