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Dear Mesdames,

I refer to your letter of 14th November, 1980, in which you request information regarding the location, history, health standards, and other details of the operation of the pie carts in Adelaide.

In 1871, Mr. William Miller set up a pie stall in King William Street, near Hindley Street. Between 1915 and 1942 the City boasted nine pie carts within its square mile at locations including Franklin Street, adjacent to the G.P.O.; King William Street, adjacent to Waterhouse Chambers; the T & G Building; the AMP Building; and North Terrace, adjacent to the Railway Station.

Council made a decision in 1938 to abolish the sites when the current occupiers personally ceased trading, and it is recorded that the stall in front of the Railway Station ceased to operate in 1942 due to labour shortages. The site was not relet. More detailed information about this period prior to 1950 can be obtained from Mr. P. Crush, the Corporation Archivist, by contacting, telephone 217 0411, Ext. 315.

By 1958, only two sites were still operating, one adjacent to the G.P.O., and the other, the first of the abovementioned King William Street sites, near what is now Rundle Mall. The King William Street site had fallen vacant in September, 1957, been taken up by a Mr. H.F.R. Waterman, and transferred to Mr. P. Cousins in 1960. The G.P.O. site was operated by Mr. W.T. Cowley who transferred his licence to Mr. P. Lintern in early 1961.

In early 1966 both stall owners requested and received permission to sell cigarettes as well as pies, pasties, peas, tea and coffee. The applications point out that the majority of their customers were shift-workers. At that time the stalls operated from approximately 8.00p.m. to 12.30a.m. but, being mobile, were also used at sporting features, such as race meetings. In 1967, Mr. C.W. Oram of the Oven Door Bakery, the present owner, took over from Mr. Cousins, and Cowleys Bakery Pty. Ltd. took up the G.P.O. site again in 1970. The Oven Door Bakery expanded the size of the actual stall and introduced additional commodities such as cakes, sweets, and cool drinks, and even hamburgers in 1970.

er complaints of loss of trade from shop proprietors in the area, the Council agreed in 1968 to relocate the King William Street Pie Cart in an alternative site not being in front of retail premises providing a similar service.

Three alternative sites were suggested and it was decided to place this pie cart in front of the Victorian, Tasmanian, and Western Australian Tourist Bureaux. This brought strong objections from the Ministers for Tourism in those States, and the proposal was abandoned. A location on the western side of King William Street outside the C.M.L. Building was also considered but abandoned after adjacent owners and occupiers strongly objected.

It was then recommended that this pie cart be relocated in front of the Railway Station, and the annual fee be reduced to compensate. In August, 1971, a petition with 1,629 signatures was received requesting that the pie cart be allowed to remain in King William Street, and various sites were again considered. A site in front of the National Mutual building was selected. Objections were raised by the National Mutual Life Association after they became aware of the nuisance created by the patrons of the pie cart, and it was subsequently moved to North Terrace in front of the Railway Station in October, 1971.

Since its removal to North Terrace, the pie cart has been the subject of numerous complaints. When the possibility of its removal was raised in August, 1973, a petition with 2,014 signatures was received in favour of its retention.

Complaints concerning the conduct of patrons frequenting the pie cart adjacent to the Adelaide Railway Station persisted, and consideration was given to relocating the pie cart after 11.30p.m. to an area where noise and other related nuisances would be of less consequence to nearby activities, and easily policed. Consequently, at its meeting on 24th November, 1980, City Council decided that the current pie cart site be restricted to operating between the hours of 6.00p.m. and 11.30p.m., and that a new stand be appointed on the west side of King William Street, adjacent Parliament House, to operate between the hours of 11.30p.m. and 6.00a.m. the following day. This allowed the operations of the pie cart to trade over the same span of hours as previously had been the case, but at two separate locations.

In July, 1972, permission was given to Central Service Cabs to operate a pie cart on a six month trial basis on land owned by Mobil Oil at the corner of West Terrace and Hindley Street. The re-application was refused in December, 1972, because of the inconvenience and annoyance it caused to ratepayers in the area.

Another trial period was granted in June, 1975, and lapsed in December, 1975. On re-application in August, 1976, permission was refused, but Central Service Cabs lodged an appeal against this decision. The matter was negotiated out of Court with the operators accepting conditions including the re-siting of the pie cart on the north-west side of the service station car park adjacent to Rose Street, and the provision and maintenance of litter bins and waste disposal facilities. However, the re-siting of this particular street hawker's stand never eventuated.