



Drinkers choose a sleepover

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Fortitude Valley punters have been given a way out of notoriously long cab queues, with a local hotel offering stand-by rates for sleepy patrons.

Limes Hotel owner Damian Griffiths told *mX* patrons were readily taking advantage of special \$99 room rates, which can only be booked by the hotel's roof-top bar customers between 11pm and 12am.

He said normal rates ranged from \$229 to \$249 a night.

"I got the idea just watching people line up for a cab in the early hours of the morning," Griffiths said.

"When you are waiting in the cab queues people are tired and have often had too much to drink and that's where violence and trouble starts and people

would rather be in a bed."

Griffiths said the concept worked like a stand-by airline ticket and was subject to room availability.

Rooms cannot be booked by phone or online.

"Brisbane has such a big urban sprawl so if you live on the southside of town or in the western suburbs the cab fare can cost you a fortune from the city so if you've got two people splitting the room, the cost is probably around what they'd each burn on a cab fare anyway," Griffiths said.

And he said it was new couples who were the most keen on taking up the cheap room offer.

"There's a bit of novelty to it and there's almost an element of naughtiness about it," Griffiths said. "Some people can be quite shy about asking for the room."