

28th September 2018

Mr. Richard Coates
Chairperson
NT Liquor Commission
Darwin
NT 0801

Dear Chairperson and members,

Review of alcohol take-away conditions in Alice Springs and surrounding district

I am writing as a member of the Alice Springs community to offer a brief submission to the Review of alcohol take-away conditions in Alice Springs and surrounding district.

I have been a long-term resident of Alice Springs, having moved here with my family in 1999, and am very aware of the impact that excessive alcohol consumption has on many individuals, families and the wider Alice Springs community.

I support the consideration of further consideration of a reduction in alcohol takeaway hours, which I think would benefit the whole community. Any inconvenience to shoppers would be a very small price to pay, compared with the benefit to the community if alcohol-related harm is reduced.

In particular, I would totally support the cessation of Sunday trading for takeaway alcohol in Alice Springs – which would reduce consumption harm and reduce the impact on services such as police, who are so regularly called to attend to alcohol related incidents.

In addition, I would support further reductions in takeaway hours. There are currently significant opportunity for people to purchase takeaway hours (currently 55 hours a week available in a typical week). While a reduction in hours might cause some inconvenience to some people (e.g. people who live outside the town and don't attend town frequently (e.g. on stations), again, this seems a small price to pay for the greater good of reduced harm.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the issues I have raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely



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