

LICENSEE: Mt Bundy Station Pty Ltd

PREMISES: Mt Bundy Station, 315 Haynes Road, Adelaide River NT 0846

LEGISLATION: Section 52 of the *Liquor Act 2019*

DATE OF HEARING: 12 June 2026

DATE OF DECISION: 12 June 2026

Via email to: declan@cartersretail.com

Dear Mr Carter

1. This matter came before the Liquor Commission for hearing on Friday 12 June 2026.
2. The Applicant, Mt Bundy Station Pty Ltd seeks a major event authority for their existing licence 80819233, to permit the sale of liquor to patrons attending the “Old Mt Bundy Rodeo” which will take place at Mt Bundy Station on 27 and 28 June 2026. The property is situated at 315 Haynes Road Adelaide River NT 0846. A similar event was successfully held on 28 and 29 June 2025 with some matters identified as needing further attention¹.
3. There were no objections to the Application.

Background

4. On 16 June 2025, approval was granted by a delegate of the Director of Licensing, following an application from the Licensee for a liquor licence with Special Event Authority to conduct the Old Mt Bundy Rodeo program for 2 days in late June 2025. The event was conducted in conjunction with Rodeo Promotions NT, the event showcased the skills of local cowboys and cowgirls competing in various rodeo events including bull riding, saddle bronc and bareback riding. Participants contend with some of the Northern Territory’s ranking bucking bulls and broncs, providing thrilling entertainment for attendees. The property is situated just over an hour’s drive from Darwin and offers a unique setting for the rodeo with options for attendees to camp on site or book accommodation in the nearby town of Adelaide River.

Issues for compliance for this application

5. A number of matters needing further attention were raised in a report by inspectors who attended the 2025 event. Issues included smoking management, inadequate toilet facilities, rubbish removal, more water stations and lighting issues. These matters the Commission was assured by Mr Declan Carter have been addressed for this event.
6. This is an application for a major event authority for the existing licence held by the licensee for the premises, pursuant to s 52 of the *Liquor Act 2019* (the Act), and

the basis on which the Commission must make this decision is set out in s 60 of the Act.

7. The Applicant has provided the necessary supporting documentation being the matters set out in the List of Documents contained in the Hearing Brief. We are satisfied that in principle, the necessary documentation has been supplied. However, given the matters raised in the memorandum dated 30 June 2025 by inspectors who attended the event, it is necessary for there to be further evidence of arrangements for this year's event to ensure the matters in the report in footnote 1 herein will be addressed with in this year's event.
8. The Commission was also concerned about the number of security staff at last year's event being only one security staff person for each 150 attendees. We do understand that the numbers attending the Rodeo are not able to be ascertained until the last minute. We note that Ms Mattiazzo, the Director of Cap22 Contractors Pty Ltd has again been employed to manage security services for the event.
9. At the hearing on 12 June 2026, the Commission granted the Application subject to evidence of the following compliance matters being provided to Mr Wood on or before 19 June 2026.

Evidence of arrangements for:

- 9.1 Sufficient water stations and their location marked on a map.
- 9.2 Sufficient toilet facilities and their location marked on a map.
- 9.3 Compliant smoking regulations areas and the areas marked on a map.
- 9.4 Specific and sufficient security personnel to be stationed at all entrances to screen patrons and their bags and those numbers and positions marked on a map.
- 9.5 Sufficient lighting, particularly at the entrance and key public areas and evidence of that.
- 9.6 Cap22 Contractors Pty Ltd to provide a safety plan of the venue including the number of security staff and evidence that those numbers are sufficient for management and in case of an emergency occurring.
- 9.7 Evidence of arrangements to address the matters referred to in the community Government Council letter dated 22 May 2026
- 10 Mr Wood to advise the Commission of the evidence of suitable arrangements not of the matters in paragraph 9 herein by close of business on Monday 22 June 2026.

Further Decision

11. The Commission refers to its decision dated 17 June 2026, which granted the application subject to the Applicant providing evidence addressing the compliance matters set out in paragraph 9.

12. The Applicant has now provided the necessary evidence to satisfy the Commission that those compliance matters have been adequately addressed.

13. Accordingly, the Major Event Authority is granted as requested.

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CHAIRPERSON
NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION
17 JUNE 2026

On behalf of Commissioners Gearin, Stephenson
and Giesecke