

Wednesday, 15 July 2026

### **Northern Territory Liquor Commission**

#### **Continued Notice - Reconsideration of Decision by the Liquor Commission**

On 16 February 2026, the Northern Territory Liquor Commission, chaired by Mr Russell Goldflam (the then Chair of the Commission), published a decision following a Commission investigation. The decision varied the licence conditions applying to 20 licensed premises in Alice Springs.

On 26 February 2026, MS Sally Gearin was appointed Chair of the Commission following the conclusion of Mr Goldflam's term, together with several newly appointed Commission members. Following publication of the decision, a number of affected licensees lodged appeals with the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal. While those proceedings were progressing towards hearing, the newly constituted Commission determined that it was appropriate to exercise its statutory power to reconsider the decision. By doing so, the Commission is able to receive further material directly and reconsider the decision in light of that material.

Formal notices were issued to the parties and community stakeholders, inviting further submissions before the Commission convened to reconsider the matter. The hearing process will commence on 20 July 2026, with the Commission sitting in Alice Springs for parts of its deliberations.

The Commission considers consultation with affected stakeholders and the broader Alice Springs community to be an important part of the reconsideration process. Consistent with the original proceeding, the matter will be determined on the basis of written submissions. In determining the appropriate procedure, the Commission has had regard to factors including the public cost of an oral hearing and the anticipated duration of the proceedings. The Commission's full reasons will be found in the published decision.

The Commission has not reached any concluded view as to the outcome of the reconsideration. Any decision will be made only after all submissions and evidence have been received and carefully considered. A written decision setting out the Commission's reasons will be published and made publicly available following the conclusion of the reconsideration process.

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