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Dear Mr Coates *Richard*

I refer to the review currently being conducted by the Liquor Commission in respect of the conditions associated with the sale of liquor in Tennant Creek and Elliott.

I am aware one of the proposals under consideration is mandating the Banned Drinker Register (BDR) requirements for the on-premises consumption of liquor at the Tennant Creek Hotel, the Goldfields Hotel in Tennant Creek and the Elliot Hotel in Elliott. I understand that this proposal was put to the Commission in submissions on behalf of NT Police.

The Government's position is that the BDR, particularly in its current form, was intended for takeaway liquor sales only and not for on-premises consumption. We understand the Commission is currently evaluating the effectiveness of on-premise BDR. We await and look forward to the Commission's determination.

I support the significant work the Commission does in reducing alcohol-related harm. The Director of Liquor Licensing is available to work with you on appropriate approaches or alternate tools that will retain the intent of the harm reduction proposal and ensure it can be enforced.

I understand that the Commission has directed that the parties file any further written submissions prior to 2 March 2021, following which it will publish its decision.

Kind regards

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