

16 December 2025

Dear Mr Goldflam & Liquor Commission Representatives,

**RE: Northern Territory Liquor Commission – Notice of Proposed Variation of Licence Conditions  
LC:OMV:2025-001**

Yeperenye Pty Ltd ('Yeperenye') provides this correspondence as its formal submission in response to the Northern Territory Liquor Commission's ('NT Liquor Commission') Notice of Proposed Variation of Licence Conditions.

Yeperenye commends the NT Liquor Commission for undertaking its recent review and for responding to escalating concerns regarding alcohol-related harm and anti-social behaviour in Alice Springs, particularly within the Central Business District (CBD).

We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback during this public consultation phase and express our support for the proposed variations, especially those relating to service times, affected venues and the introduction of on-premises identification systems, as outlined in the Notice.

**Comments on Proposed Variations**

**Pt 2 – Full-strength alcohol only with a full meal**

(1130–1500 hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

Yeperenye supports this proposed restriction and recommends that it be extended to include Mondays and Tuesdays, specifically for Todd Tavern, The NT Rock Bar, and Bojangles Saloon.

While takeaway alcohol sales are prohibited on these days, there remains clear evidence of high levels of intoxication among patrons leaving these venues, with alcohol-fuelled violence and anti-social behaviour continuing to spill into the CBD. Without extension of this measure, there is a risk that Mondays and Tuesdays become days where patrons seek to "fill up" on full-strength alcohol without the moderating requirement of a meal.

**Pt 3 – On-premises identification system**

(Nominated licences: Todd Tavern, The NT Rock Bar, Bojangles Saloon and Dining Room, and Uncles Tavern)

Yeperenye strongly supports the introduction of on-premises identification systems at the nominated venues, as this measure has the potential to significantly improve community safety and address key risk factors contributing to alcohol-related harm.

We further recommend that additional responsibilities be imposed on these licensees. Specifically, where a patron is subject to a banning decision by a licensee (as contemplated under condition (e)(iv)), and where the conduct is reasonably serious and occurs on more than one occasion (including across multiple nominated venues), the licensee should be required to refer the matter for consideration under the Banned Drinker Register / Banning Order (BDO) framework. Suggested durations could be 3, 6 or 12 months, proportionate to the seriousness of the conduct and risk of recurrence.

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We urge the Commission to continue to make decisions that are for the benefit of the whole-of-community and to resist the political and media pressures of the bar operators.

We also urge the Commission to disregard the frivolous claim by the Hospitality NT that the proposed low alcohol drinks before 3pm proposal will adversely impact of tourists visiting Alice Springs. Tourist do not want to see and encounter drunken people in the CBD swearing and fighting (including stabbings) while spilling out the bars in question. Furthermore, tourists generally are accustomed to having a meal after leaving their accommodation, so the claims by NT Hospitality that tourists will be adversely impacted are lacking in substance.

I thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment and your willingness to embrace positive changes for the betterment of the community..

Yours sincerely,

  
Owen Cole

Managing Director