NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION SECOND NOTICE OF PROPOSED VARIATION OF LICENCE CONDITIONS

INQUIRY: REVIEW OF PEPPIMENARTI CLUB LIQUOR LICENCE

FILE NUMBER: LC:OMV:2024-003

LICENSEE: Peppimenarti Club Association Incorporated

PREMISES: Peppimenarti Club

Peppimenarti NT 0822

LICENCE NUMBER: 80304129

NOMINEE: Ms Regina Wilson

LEGISLATION: Section 113 of the *Liquor Act 2019* (NT)

CONSIDERED BY: Mr Russell Goldflam (Chairperson)

Ms Ebony Abbott-McCormack (Health Member)

Mr Bernard Dwyer (Community Member)

DATE: 25 October 2024

REVIEW OF LICENCE CONDITIONS

- 1. On 25 March 2024, the Northern Territory Liquor Commission (the Commission) decided to extend the trading hours of the Peppimenarti Club (the Club) upon the request of the Peppimenarti Club Association Incorporated (the licensee), and varied the Club's licence conditions in order to improve community safety. The background and circumstances are set out in detail in the Commission's decision¹.
- 2. The varied conditions were implemented with a requirement that a review be conducted on the operations of the licence at the completion of a six-month trial period that expired on 24 September 2024.

¹ Northern Territory Liquor Commission, <u>OWN INITIATIVE VARIATION TO CONDITIONS OF</u> PEPPIMENARTI CLUB LICENCE [2024] NTLiqComm 14

3. The Commission has decided to extend the trial period by allowing the licensee six months from the date of this notice to comply with the varied conditions imposed in March 2024.

PROPOSED VARIATION OF LICENCE CONDITIONS

- 4. Section 113 of the *Liquor Act 2019* (the Act) confers power on the Commission to vary the conditions of a liquor licence on its own initiative. Before varying the conditions, the Commission must give the licensee written notice of the proposed variation, the reasons for the proposed variation, and an invitation to the licensee to respond to the proposed variation within 28 days.
- 5. This is a notice to the licensee that the Commission proposes to vary the conditions of its liquor license over the Club by removing the following condition:

The licensee must not sell a person who is purchasing their second or subsequent alcoholic drink for the day unless the person returns to the licensee the empty can that the person had last consumed.

REASONS

- 6. In the lead up to the expiry of the six month trial period referred to above, Licensing NT obtained updates from the licensee on its progress in implementing the varied conditions, and conducted a compliance inspection of the premises. On 4 September 2024, the Commission conducted hearings in Peppimenarti to assess the licensee's compliance with the varied conditions.
- 7. One of the licence conditions imposed by the Commission in March 2024 was:

The licensee must not sell a person who is purchasing their second or subsequent alcoholic drink for the day unless the person returns to the licensee the empty can that the person had last consumed.

- 8. The Commission had fixed this condition in response to a suggestion from Mr Karl Lukanovic, the then manager of the Club. Mr Lukanovic no longer manages the Club, and Ms Regina Wilson, the licence nominee, has assumed this responsibility. The Commission accepts the licensee's submission that this condition is difficult to enforce and unnecessary, as patrons put their cans in the wheelie bins situated at each table.
- 9. Accordingly, the Commission now proposes to remove this condition.

10. The Commission also accepts the licensee's submission that it be given a further six months to address other issues of concern regarding the operation of the Club that the Commission has identified.

INVITATION TO LICENSEES TO RESPOND

11. In accordance with s 113(2)(c) of the Act, the Commission invites the licensee to submit a response to the proposed variation within 28 days after the date of this notice.

Russell Goldflam CHAIRPERSON

NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION

25 October 2024

On behalf of Commissioners Goldflam, Abbott-McCormack and Dwyer