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Mr Russell Goldflam

Acting Deputy Chairperson

Northern Territory Liquor Commission

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Your Reference: Desert Oaks (Erlunda) referral

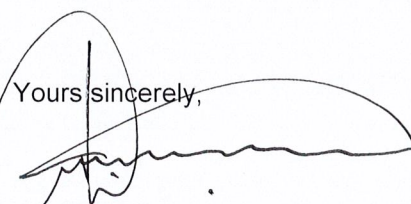
Dear Mr Goldflam,

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 2022. This matter was discussed at the Council meeting held on Friday, 29 April 2022. Council has asked that I convey its thoughts on the matter to you.

It is understood from your letter that the licensee of Desert Oaks has asked that the conditions of his licence be varied to exclude the sale of takeaway liquor to Anangu from Imanpa. It is also understood that the Commission, on its own initiative, has undertaken an inquiry and decided to expand its consideration of this matter to include the Kings Creek Station liquor licence. It is the view of Council that the Commission should bring this matter back to the original submission of the licensee and not consider other matters outside of the scope of the submission.

It is also the view of Council that it is inappropriate to comment on matters affecting the residents of the Imanpa community and suggests that the Commission convene a meeting of community members to ascertain their views directly.

Lastly, it is considered to be inappropriate that Council consider any recommendation, such as that described in the last paragraph of your letter in italics, which relates to communities outside of its region, in this instance the Pitjantjatjara Lands in South Australia and the Ngaanyatjarra Lands in Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,


Jeff MacLeod

Chief Executive Officer