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To: Liquor Commission <Liquor.Commission@nt.gov.au>

Subject: Submission notice review of Alice springs licence conditions 2025

Liquor Commissioner

Re: NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED VARIATION OF LICENCE CONDITIONS

Commissioner,

I have thoroughly read your overview and proposed variations of License Conditions in Alice Springs. I am a 58year old Caucasian male who has lived in Alice Springs for 20 years. I enjoy attending several venues such as Gillen Club, Club Eastside, Uncles Tavern and Bojangles. I attend regularly for lunch as well as social occasions in afternoons and evenings and on days off mid week.

I have patronized Bojangles Saloon extensively for the last three years and find that your summary of information is factually incorrect. The venue does not open at 10am – it opens at 11am for a lunch trade; there is not 80 to 100 indigenous people in there at any stage. There may be around 10 to 20 responsible indigenous patrons (as the licensee screens these patrons at the door often welcoming by name) and find that it is well managed with staff providing good RSA and any indigenous patrons have usually left by about 1.30 to 2.00pm. In your overview you seem to be targeting Aboriginal patrons, however a venues refusal to allow entry to Aboriginal people would see them breach Discrimination legislation. The Bojangles Saloon business is a great well run tourism business who focus on providing an extensive menu for both lunch and dinner and great experience.

You included Bojangles as being one of the most ‘problematic’ venues. I don’t see how you could reach this conclusion as from my review of your Disciplinary actions against Licensees, the venue has had no breaches or disciplinary actions and from discussions with Police Officers that regularly walk through the venue, they have had no issues. In my patronage there, I have never seen an ambulance called either.

I believe that you are incorrect in aligning that business under the additional license changes due only to its geographical proximity to NT Rock Bar which I have found do have the anti- social issues resulting from its patrons leaving the venue.

I believe the additional changes of an ‘on premise BDR’ will only is relocate anti-social behaviour and ‘problem drinkers’ to other venues such as Club Eastside and Gillen Club, moving this out of the CBD into the suburbs but not actually giving attention to the root causes.

With regard these changes not affecting Tourism, I can assure you many tourists, Tradies finishing work and shift workers avail themselves to venues for an enjoyable alcoholic beverage between midday and 3pm (particularly Fridays) and like myself like to enjoy a full strength beer or two during this time. Your proposal also means that one cannot have a wine or champagne

on a Melbourne Cup day or many other events this great country has before 3pm in the afternoon!

I don't understand why you are penalizing the social life and town liveability of the 26000 odd people of Alice Springs for the sake of a few problem drinkers. This should be a health intervention, not further draconian laws that affect our way of life.

I can only anticipate that these additional restrictions will impose further costs on these businesses and potentially jeopardize their viability. This town doesn't need any more business closures, particularly hospitality venues. These places of social interaction make living in the middle of Australia actually liveable. Your continued and further restrictions will make central Australia a cultural wasteland in which young people will not stay, live and grow the town.

In summary, Bojangles should not be included in these changes, I oppose the introduction of a mid strength limit on these days.

Regards

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