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Northern Territory Liquor Commission

Via email Liquor.Commission@nt.gov.au

Dear Mr Goldflam

Thank you for the opportunity to consider the proposed variations put forward by the Liquor Commission, as set out in the 'Notice of Proposed Variation of Licence Conditions' ('**The Notice**') dated 20 November 2025.

Unfortunately, the prevalence of alcohol as a driver or element in many types of offending remains significantly high. The Northern Territory continues to demonstrate high rates of alcohol related domestic, family and sexual violence, property crime and antisocial behaviours attributed to alcohol misuse. Regional crime reduction strategies are in place in varying formats in efforts to address these from a whole of government and regional sector response.

I attach an extract of alcohol-related occurrences in Alice Springs to demonstrate the rates from 2022 to 2025 to date, with a particular focus on domestic violence offences for your further information (**Attachment A**).

The data clearly demonstrates an immediate and material impact from the January 2023 take-away alcohol restrictions, and a lesser impact from the January 2025 variations. However, despite the immediate decline the data does then demonstrate a slow upward trend, indicating that the restrictions become less effective over time.

On behalf of the Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF), I provide the following comments in relation to the proposed variations.

1. Mid-week restrictions on full-strength liquor

The NTPF supports the proposed restriction requiring that, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the sale, service and consumption of full-strength alcohol to be undertaken with a full meal purchased from the venue(s). This measure promotes responsible alcohol consumption by encouraging patrons to consume alcohol in conjunction with food, which can assist in moderating intake and reducing the likelihood of alcohol-related harm which contributes to a safer environment for both patrons and staff.

2. On-premises identification system

The NTPF supports this initiative in principle, however is unable to consider this proposed licence condition without further information.

As the proposed variation requires licensees to establish an on-premises identification system, the effective operation of such a system would necessitate access to government information. It is

therefore likely that legislative amendments would be required to enable the sharing of such information.

The NTPF welcomes the opportunity to further explore this variation and to provide feedback on how it could be appropriately applied to better support safer on-premises consumption and behaviours.

3. Public order and amenity condition for the 'nominated licences' and the Lasseters Hotel Casino

The NTPF supports the proposed variation of the licensee's obligations as set out at paragraph 4 of the Notice. The proposed approach is not onerous and will reinforce the Commission's expectations around licensee's obligations to contribute to proactive harm-minimisation and public safety objectives.

The contact officer for ongoing correspondence and collaboration will be Commander Southern Command, James Gray-Spence, who can be contacted via email james.gray-spence@pfes.nt.gov.au or by phone at (08) 8951 8816.

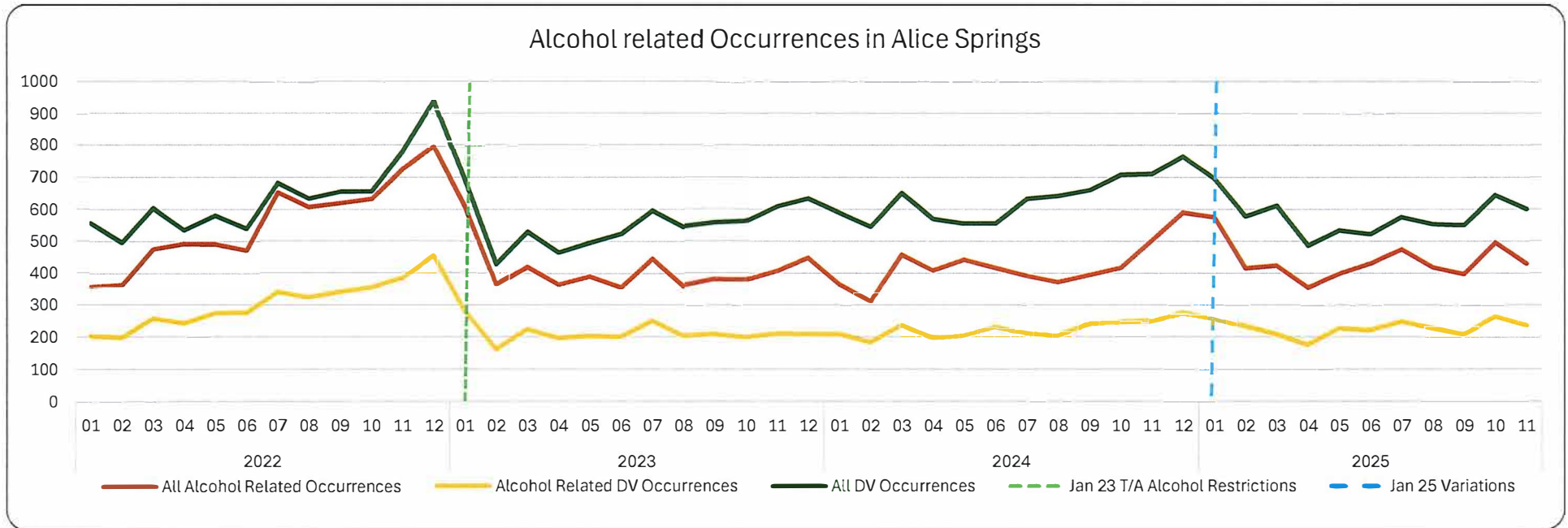
Yours sincerely



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Acting Commissioner of Police

16 December 2025

Alcohol related Occurrences in Alice Springs



Note: Data was extracted from SerPro on 08/12/2025 and may be different if extracted on a different date.

The data counts may not align with published crime statistics due to variations in counting rules, data inclusions, data exclusions and offending/offence definitions.