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To the Northern Territory Liquor Commission,

RE: Proposed Variation of Licence Conditions – Request for Exemption (Alice Springs Golf Club)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed variation of liquor licence conditions pursuant to section 113 of the Liquor Act 2019 (NT).

On behalf of the Alice Springs Golf Club (ASGC), I respectfully request an exemption from the proposed condition that would restrict the supply, sale and consumption of full-strength alcohol between 1130 and 1500 hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays unless served with a full meal.

1. ASGC's core business is sport and recreation, not hospitality or gaming

The Alice Springs Golf Club's primary purpose is the provision of Golf, Bowls and associated recreational activities. We do not operate gaming machines and therefore do not attract the clientele typically associated with high-risk daytime liquor consumption. The member-based nature of our operations significantly differentiates us from venues with gaming or public bar facilities.

2. Full-strength alcohol to be provided only to members and registered guests

ASGC does not operate as an open-access venue. Our liquor service is limited to financial members and registered guests, and subject to our standards of behaviour. This controlled environment greatly reduces the risk factors targeted by the proposed condition.

3. Long-standing culture of responsible service and low-risk patron behaviour

Our trading history reflects consistent compliance with the Act and a strong commitment to responsible service. Daytime consumption at the Club is typically limited to golfers or bowlers following a round or roll-up, and social members enjoying the facilities in a low-risk, recreational environment.

4. Limited applicability of the proposed condition to our operating profile

The proposed change appears intended to address alcohol-related harm associated with certain venue types and patron behaviours. ASGC does not fit this profile. Members and registered guests attending the course, during the specified hours, do so for sport and social connection, not as part of a higher-risk drinking culture.

5. The proposed restriction would negatively impact member experience and Club sustainability

Prohibiting the sale of full-strength beer to members and guests during these hours would materially affect our ability to serve our core membership base and reduce an important revenue stream. Revenue generated from bar operations directly supports course maintenance, staff employment, junior and indigenous development programs and the broader upkeep of community sporting infrastructure.

For these reasons, we respectfully submit that the Alice Springs Golf Club be granted an exemption from the proposed condition so we may continue to responsibly supply full-strength beer to our members and their registered guests during the specified period.

ASGC remains fully committed to harm minimisation and responsible service, and we welcome any further engagement the Commission requires to consider this exemption.

Kind regards,



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