

NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION
DECISION NOTICE AND REASONS FOR DECISION

CITATION: ENCHANTED MOMENTS APPLICATION FOR
LIQUOR LICENCE WITH A SMALL BAR
AUTHORITY [2026] NTLiqComm 13

FILE NUMBER: LC2026-010

LICENSEE: Enchanted Moments Events Pty Ltd

PREMISES: Enchanted Moments Events
11 Pak Street, Berrimah NT 0828

LEGISLATION: Part 3 Division 4 of the Liquor Act 2019

DECISION OF: Sally Gearin (Chairperson)
Stephen Gelding (Health Member)
Michaela Malone (Deputy Chairperson)

DATE OF HEARING: 19 August 2026

DATE OF DECISION: 14 September 2026

DECISION

1. In accordance with s48 of the *Liquor Act 2019* (NT) (the Act) the Commission has determined to grant the application for a liquor licence with a small bar authority pursuant to and in accordance with the application lodged by Ms Debra Barnett as the licensee on 22 April 2026.
2. The Commission approves the appointment of Ms Debra Barnett as the nominee for the licence.
3. The Applicant is granted a small bar authority as an additional authority attached to liquor licence 80519153

4. The additional authorisation for the supply, sale, service and consumption of liquor at the licensed premises, 11 Pak Street Berrimah NT 0828 as follows:
 - a. Sunday 10:00 hours to 23:59 hours
 - b. Monday 10:00 hours to 23:59 hours
 - c. Tuesday 10:00 hours to 23:59 hours
 - d. Wednesday 10:00 hours to 23:59 hours
 - e. Thursday 10:00 hours to 23:59 hours
 - f. Friday 10:00 hours to 23:59 hours
 - g. Saturday 10:00 hours to 23:59 hours
5. The licensed premises are the area (the licensed premises) bounded in red and depicted on the plan attached and marked "Attachment A" to this decision.
6. The conditions of the licence include the authority conditions set out in Part 4, Divisions 1 and 17 of the *Liquor Regulations 2019*.

The following additional conditions are imposed:

7. The nominee or at least one shift supervisor appointed by the nominee must be present during all trading hours to supervise the sale of liquor and ensure compliance with these conditions.
8. The sale of liquor must be conducted by persons who hold a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate, or equivalent qualification approved by the Director of Liquor Licensing.
9. Persons under 18 years of age must not be engaged in the sale or supply of liquor.
10. The licensee must comply with the "Industry Code of Practice for the Promotion of Liquor", provide a safe drinking environment, prevent irresponsible or excessive consumption of liquor and ensure all staff are properly instructed to watch for and prevent drink spiking.
11. The licensee must clearly display signage clearly designating Non-Smoking areas and, if any, Designated Outdoor Smoking Areas.
12. The licensee shall exclude or remove from the premises any person who is wearing the colours, insignia or emblems of an outlaw motorcycle gang.
13. Liquor may only be sold in opened cans or plastic containers.

14. Wine must not be sold or served in containers larger than 150ml.
15. Spirits must not be sold in containers with more than 5% alcohol by volume.
16. Soft drinks and water must be available from the bar but must also be available from separate outlets for those patrons under 18 years of age.
17. One or more designated 'Dry Area' must be established and maintained.

REASONS FOR DECISION

18. Enchanted Moments Events Pty Ltd (the Applicant) has applied for a small bar authority. The Applicant is the licensee and currently holds liquor licence 80519153 for the premises known as Enchanted Moments Events, located at 11 Pak Street Berrimah NT 0828.
19. The Commission attended the premises on 19 August 2026. During the inspection, an issue was identified concerning the location of the toilet facilities in proximity to the kitchen. The Commission considered this to be a matter appropriately addressed by the Department of Health, which did not object to the application.
20. This licence currently operates under a catering authority.
21. On 22 April 2026, the Applicant lodged the current application seeking to add a small bar authority to its existing licence.
22. Pursuant to s 51(3) of the Act, and in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, the Commission is satisfied that the Applicant is a fit and proper person.

PUBLISHING OF APPLICATION

23. The application was advertised on 16 May 2026 in the NT News and on the Department of Tourism and Hospitality website in accordance with section 57 of the Act. A green sign was displayed at the premises notifying the public of the application and their rights to obtain further information or lodge an objection.
24. The notices were published for 14 days, with the objection period ending on 29 May 2026.

Nature of the Current Licence Business and Liquor Authority Sought

25. The Applicant seeks a small bar authority and has provided information in support of its application.

26. Enchanted Moments Events is an established Northern Territory events business with nearly three decades of experience delivering event styling, equipment hire, weddings, corporate events, community events and hospitality services throughout Darwin and surrounding regions.
27. As part of the continued growth and diversification of the business, Enchanted Moments Events proposes to operate a small bar from its new premises located at 11 Pak Street, Berrimah NT 0828.
28. The proposed warehouse bar will operate primarily as:
- a. A boutique after-work drinks venue
 - b. A hospitality extension of the existing events business
 - c. A venue for themed social evenings and private functions
 - d. A showcase space for event styling concepts and hospitality services
 - e. A community-focused social venue offering a unique experience not currently widely available within the immediate industrial area
29. The Applicant seeks to create a professionally managed, safe, welcoming and visually unique environment that reflects the creativity and experience of Enchanted Moments Events.
30. The warehouse bar concept is not intended to operate as a late-night nightclub or high-risk venue. Instead, the focus will be on controlled service, quality customer experiences, themed events, responsible service of alcohol and the creation of a relaxed social atmosphere.
31. In accordance with section 56(4) of the Act, the following stakeholders were notified in respect to the application:
- a. Northern Territory Police (NT Police)
 - b. Department of Health (DoH)
 - c. City of Darwin (Council)
 - d. Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Services (NTFRS)
 - e. Liquor Compliance (Compliance)
32. On 15 May 2026, NTFRS provided below comment in relation to the application:

“NT Fire and Rescue Service (NTFRS) support this application subject to the following conditions:

Relevant building and occupancy permits must be issued in accordance with the Building Act (NT) for the base building, as well as for any alterations associated with Enchanted Moments Events occupying the premises. Department of Lands, Planning and Environment building records indicate that the building located at 11 Pak Street (055/7680) does not currently have a Permit to Occupy (refer to attached documentation).

Should the warehouse (Class 7) portion of the building be utilised for bar or service area purposes, a Building Certifier may be required to ensure the classification of the warehouse/bar/service area aligns with its intended use and complies with the Building Act (NT).

Once occupancy permit(s) have been issued NTFRS will conduct an inspection to confirm compliance with the NT Fire and Emergency Act & Regulations. Licensed areas will also be assessed at that time to determine maximum patron numbers, if required.” Any approval of this application by the Commission should be contingent upon a prohibition of trade under the additional authority at the premises until such time as the licensee has provided materials to the satisfaction of the Director that they have the necessary certifications and approvals.”

33. On 26 May 2026, DoH provided below comment in relation to the application:

“Thank you for notifying NT Health.

I note that in the Public Interest and Community Impact Statement, the applicant has indicated “food availability where appropriate.

However, I also note that under the Regulations for a small bar authority s86(2), a light meal must be available for purchase by patrons during the hours of operation.

Could you please clarify what the proposed food availability will be?”

34. Comment from DoH was provided to the applicant for consideration and response. The applicant subsequently submitted the following response:

“Sorry I must have misunderstood this question.

We will be offering toasted sandwiches, meat, and cheese boards and possibly in the future BBQ meat and salads.”

35. No additional comments were received from DoH.

36. No response has been received from NT Police, Council or Compliance.

OBJECTIONS

37. No objections have been received in this matter.

PUBLIC INTEREST AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

38. Having regard to the public interest and community impact matters set out in s 49 of the Act, the materials provided by the Applicant, the nature and location of the premises, the proposed manner of operation, the responses received from stakeholders and the absence of any objections, the Commission is satisfied that the Applicant has discharged its onus under s 51 of the Act.

39. The Commission is satisfied that the grant of the small bar authority is in the public interest and will not have a significant adverse impact on the community.

40. For these reasons, the Commission has determined that the application should be granted.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

41. Pursuant to s 31(1), read with s 60(3) of the Act, the decision set out in this Decision Notice is reviewable by the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT). Section 94(3) of the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2014 (NT) provides that an application for review must be filed within 28 days after the relevant day for the decision.

42. In accordance with s 31(2) of the Act, the persons who may apply to NTCAT for a review of this decision are the Director and the Applicant.

Sally Gearin



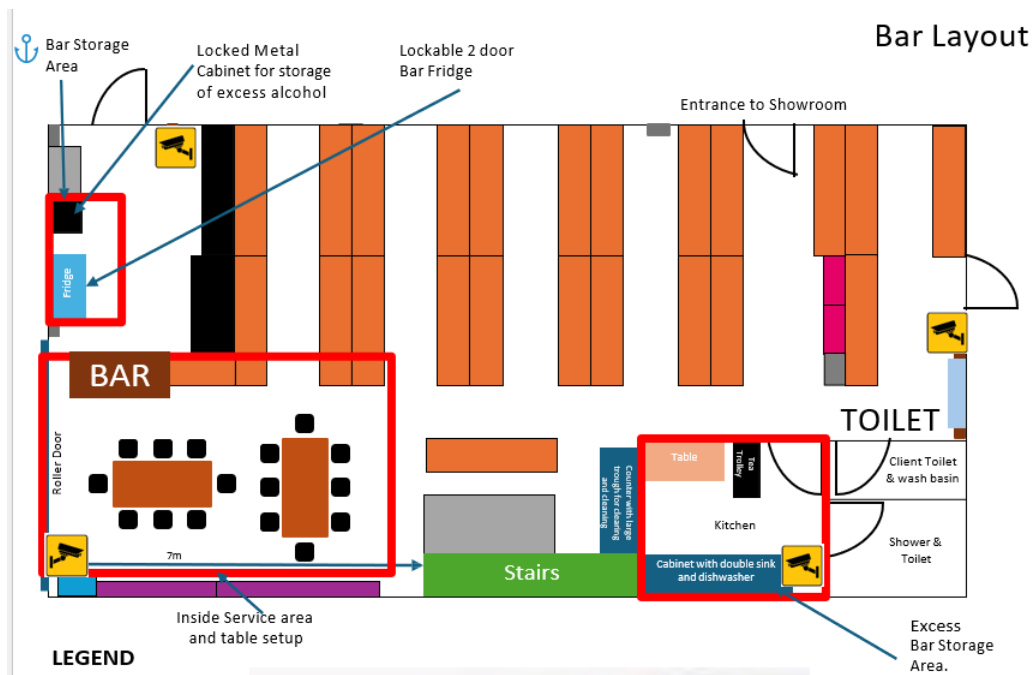
COMMISSIONER

NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION

14 September 2026

On behalf of the Commissioners Gearin, Malone and Gelding

ATTACHMENT A





Bar Service / Storage Area



Security Camera



Fenced Area

Tables and chairs

Lights

Containers

Enchanted Moments Events
Containers on block next door

