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To the NT Liquor Commission

This is a letter in support of all the proposed variations. As someone who has lived and worked in Alice Springs since 1984, I have experienced a variety of legislative efforts to reduce the damage caused by alcohol. These proposals are simple and targeted to minimise the problem using existing technology and research, while also minimising the inconvenience to the general public.

It is no surprise that alcohol is a problem in my community, given the colonial history of the region, with dispossessed indigenous people dealing with the loss of their lands, livelihood and titles. In all colonised peoples, alcohol is turned to as a way of coping with the stress, and forming bonds with other people who are also dispossessed and living in concentrated populations that bear no resemblance to precolonial living conditions. I think the variations proposed are an effective way of supporting that population by providing guardrails around alcohol consumption.

Thank you for your ongoing work to improve the quality of life in Alice Springs and the region.

Yours sincerely

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