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Re: REVIEW OF TAKEAWAY LIQUOR LICENCE CONDITIONS - ALICE SPRINGS

Dear Mr Coates

The Chamber of Commerce NT is the largest employer association in the Northern Territory, we are an independent, not-for-profit and non-government body.

We are proud to provide our Members and the Northern Territory business community an effective platform for lobbying on the issues that impact upon business, whilst providing services and support to business in a number of key areas including industrial relations, training, employment, education and training advice, networking and premier business events.

The Chamber of Commerce NT recognises the local issues associated with the alcohol related harm in our community and we support the NT Government in trying to alleviate some of these concerns. However, we do have concerns surrounding the impact to the local Alice Springs and surrounding economy through the potential business closures and job losses as a result of the decisions made without proper community consultation.

There have been additional compliance obligations imposed on the local licencees throughout Alice Springs that have yet to reveal any success or impact either way.

The Chamber of Commerce NT would request that the success or otherwise of any current variations be reviewed prior to imposing any more so as to account for the impact for each new obligation and its effect on its own merit, further The Chamber of Commerce would rather see the secondary supply of alcohol issue be made a priority instead.

The recent announcement of liquor restrictions to be in place during the Alice Springs Masters Games opening and closing ceremonies is also a knee jerk reaction that will have dire consequences on any further events in Alice Springs, this cannot happen and an immediate retraction of these restrictions must be made to ensure the future of this wonderful event that brings many people to our region.

The Alice Springs Business Community relies on the trade that comes from our many and varied events as well as the Tourism trade in itself. Please consider the ramifications on our local economy and await the results of current restrictions before any further decisions are made.

Yours Sincerely



Alana Richardson
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