



Mr Russell Goldflam  
Acting Deputy Chairperson  
NT Liquor Commission

Dear Russell

Review of Liquor Licencing Conditions for Tennant Creek and the Barkly region (ref 2020/138)

Thank you for allowing an opportunity to comment on the review of licencing conditions and the extension of time to respond to your request for data.

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation firmly supports continuing the alcohol restrictions on opening hours and restrictions on quantity of alcohol that can be purchased on a given day. It is the Corporation's view that it may be detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the community to lift or loosen the restrictions.

Unfortunately there is no clinical data available which would meet your requirements. The Health Centre does not receive acute presentations, as people need of acute care are encouraged to present direct to Tennant Creek hospital.

Chronic disease and other primary health care services which Anyinginyi provides at the Health Centre may or may not involve discussions and screening for alcohol use depending on individual circumstances. It is therefore difficult to isolate clinical data of relevance to your inquiry. A large proportion of clients receive an AUDIT-C screening for alcohol and a fairly consistent proportion of clients have excessive levels of alcohol consumption suggesting that alcohol continues to be a significant health issue.

Anyinginyi Piliyintinji-ki Stronger Families Section runs some programs which directly relate to Alcohol and other Drug services and education. Of note, all client presentations including to the Male and Female Counsellors involve alcohol directly or indirectly in some way.

If you have any follow up questions please do not hesitate to send me a further email to [barb.shaw@anyinginyi.com.au](mailto:barb.shaw@anyinginyi.com.au) or Mr Dean Gooda, Section Manager Piliyintinji-ki Stronger Families [dean.gooda@anyinginyi.com.au](mailto:dean.gooda@anyinginyi.com.au).

Yours respectfully

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