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Sent:

Friday, 30 October 2020 12:00 PM

To:

Liquor Commission

Subject:

Review of the current restriction

Dear commissioner,

Hope this email finds you well.

I have been living and working in Tennant Creek for over 2 years. The current state of the Town and its people is dire. You know the problem "Alcohol and Drug". Current restrictions which were set in 2018 ABSOLUTELY NOT WORKING. I work in the health Dpt and I am also doing various volunteering work around Drug & Alcohol. With the best interest of people of Tennant Creek and Aboriginal people in large, I can confirm you that Tennant Creek needs immediate action with stricter restriction around Alcohol consumption.

I am not sure how you even call this is a strict restriction:

- · 30 cans or stubbies of mid-strength or light beer
- · 24 cans or stubbies of full-strength beer
- · 12 cans or bottles of ready-to-drink mixes

I urge to visit TC on a Wednesday and Friday night to witness the abysmal state of our town and its people. It makes me sad to see this town in this state.

Health report of TC people is a mess, majority of the people have diabetes and various other health issues, hospital and health services are getting out of ideas to deal with dialysis patients, more importantly, our future generation (young people) are getting into this vicious cycle. Children aged 9-16 are presented to the hospital with diabetes and other health issues. Break in house, businesses, crimes, violence, becoming a common practice and becoming a generational problem to come.

If it is not addressed now, I am afraid it will be too late to save this town. No amount of money will be able to save this town if it is not dealt with an iron fist.

My solution is that we have to stand together and say 'enough is enough'. We need to allow the town to recover, and so we need a five-year moratorium on alcohol. I would like to see both entrances to Tennant Creek policed 24 hours a day, and in that way, the town can take a stand to say that we are a dry community.

Kind regards,

An optimistic yet concerned citizen of Tennant Creek