

# **Northern Territory**

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# **LIQUOR COMMISSION**

**2020-2021 Annual Report**

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## Chairperson's Message



The Commission's achievements of the past year were overshadowed by the controversy associated with the Government's amendment of the *Liquor Act 2019* (the Act) to overturn our decision of 20 September 2019 refusing the Woolworths Group Pty Ltd (Woolworths) application to establish a Dan Murphy's outlet in Bagot Road, Darwin.

The Liquor Further Amendment Bill 2020 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly on 11 November 2020 and passed the following day. The Act, which commenced on 20 November 2020 created a special process for determining the Woolworths' application as well as three other historical applications. The amendment in effect cancelled Woolworths' proposed review of the Commission's decision before the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal which had been scheduled for hearing in December. Instead it gave the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director) the power to make a decision without prior notice to the applicant or any other person or body and without being required to hold a hearing or apply the public interest and community impact tests as the Commission is required to do.

This amendment to the Act represented an extraordinary departure from the basic policy foundations of the new Liquor Act which had its genesis in the findings of the Riley Review, a key recommendation of which was that hearings should be open and transparent and applications determined by an independent body.

I acknowledge that the Commission's decision in the Dan Murphy's matter may not have been welcomed by some sectors within the community however it was not decided on the personal views or preferences of the presiding panel members. It was determined in accordance with the legislation that had been enacted by Parliament which placed an onus on an applicant to establish that the application was in the public interest and would not have an adverse impact on public health or the safety, welfare and amenity of the community.

Apart from the vague suggestion that there had been unnecessary delay in the finalisation of these historical applications, which is not borne out by any proper examination of the facts surrounding each of the cases, the Government offered no sound policy justification for such a radical abandonment of its own legislative processes.

As well as being inconsistent with sound public policy considerations, the amendments created procedural difficulties for the new decision maker which were bound to provoke further litigation and cast doubt over the validity of those decisions.

To her credit, the Minister for Alcohol Policy agreed to meet with the Commission members and listen to the strong concerns they voiced over the Government's decision to abandon due process and overturn a Commission decision. She was told that many of them were considering whether they would continue to serve on the Commission because they saw the Government's actions as a repudiation of the conscientious effort they had made to acquit the responsibilities imposed upon them by the Act.

Ultimately the view prevailed that we had made a commitment to the people of the Northern Territory that we would provide an independent adjudication of all matters that came before the Commission for the term our statutory appointment.

I want to thank Commissioners for agreeing to adhere to that commitment and continue to participate in what I still believe is a much improved system for the making of liquor licensing decisions.

Although none of the Commissioners, myself included, are irreplaceable, a mass resignation could have diminished the public standing of this institution. Our replacements, although good people, might have been tainted by the circumstances surrounding our departure and perceived as less likely to provide an independent assessment of contentious matters in the future.

It is also important that I place on record that whilst the Commission will continue to work cooperatively with Government in this important area of social reform, it will also continue, when required by the law and the public interest of Territorians, to make what some sections of the community might regard as unpopular decisions.

Ongoing public controversy over the Director's decision to allow Woolworth's to establish a Dan Murphy's store on land near the Darwin Airport prompted the Chairman of Woolworths to announce on 16 December 2020 that it would conduct a review of its decision making process relevant to the Darwin Dan Murphy's development. The Independent Review Panel was chaired by Danny Gilbert, a senior corporate lawyer from Sydney and also included a number of prominent Territorians with relevant local experience.

The Panel consulted broadly across the local community and conducted an extensive analysis of Woolworths' actions before, during and after the Commission's hearing of the Darwin Dan Murphy's matter.

The Independent Panel Review Report was released on 28 April 2021 and recommended that Woolworths not proceed with its plan to open a Dan Murphy's store in Darwin. As part of its reasoning behind that recommendation, the Panel made the following comments about the Commission hearing:

*“Endeavour representatives considered the Liquor Commission's decision contained legal errors, due in part to the manner in which the Liquor Commission conducted the hearing and consequently Woolworths Group sought a review of that decision by NTCAT. However, it can be said that the Liquor Commission hearing was a wide-ranging review of all issues at hand. It is clear that the Liquor Commission took considerable care to ensure that the public interest and community impact test was a central part of the decision making framework that was adopted. It could be safely argued that the Liquor Commission correctly applied the public interest and community impact test. Even though Woolworths Group decided to challenge this decision, these matters alone should have been reason enough for the company to pause and give*

*deeper consideration to the broader issues raised in this decision. This did not seem to occur. At this juncture, Woolworths Group should have considered initiating a deep dive into all aspects of the Dan Murphy's development with some independent oversight and advice.*

*Corporations are entitled to pursue legal outcomes that support and benefit their business strategies. However, Woolworths Group has set itself the task of being an outstanding corporation concerned with the impact it has on people's lives, acting in the best interest of the Australian community. To meet this 'higher bar', Woolworths Group needed to genuinely engage with and respond to the concerns raised by key interest groups, including health and medical experts, even where such matters extend beyond the minimum legal requirements."<sup>1</sup>*

Turning to other issues, I am pleased to report that with the co-operation of the Director, the Commission has arranged to delegate the decisions in respect of a range of non-contentious, low risk applications to Departmental officers. This has reduced the number of matters requiring a hearing by the Commission and has expedited the process for those applicants. I once again express my appreciation for the assistance provided by the Director, Phil Timney and his team over the past year. We enjoy a co-operative and productive working relationship.

During the year we unfortunately lost the services of one of our most hard working Commissioners, Kenton Winsley who resigned for personal reasons. Kenton had been with us since our inception and was our only First Nations Commissioner. He was involved with a number of our most significant hearings including the Dan Murphy's case and made an invaluable contribution to our deliberations. He also has a wicked sense of humour which kept us entertained between hearings. We miss him but wish him well in his future endeavours.

On 7 September 2020, as a result of Machinery of Government changes, the functions of Licensing NT, including liquor licensing and regulation, were moved to the new Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade and the Hon Natasha Fyles assumed responsibility as the Minister for Alcohol Policy.

In closing, I once again express my gratitude for the work performed by Carolyn Parsell and her team at Board and Commission Support Services.



Richard Coates  
CHAIRPERSON  
NORTHERN TERRITORY LIQUOR COMMISSION

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<sup>1</sup> Page 81 - Independent Panel Review into the proposed Dan Murphy's development in Darwin – 28 April 2021

# Liquor Commission Overview

## The Commission

The Northern Territory Liquor Commission (the Commission) is an independent statutory authority with extensive powers to regulate liquor licensing in the Northern Territory. The Commission is a body corporate with perpetual succession, has a common seal and is capable of acquiring property, initiating litigation and being sued.

The Commission was established on 28 February 2018, by the *Northern Territory Liquor Commission Act 2018* (LCA).

The Commission is supported in its functions by Licensing NT, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade by providing secretariat and administrative services, processing various liquor applications, investigating complaints, monitoring licensed venues and events, enforcing liquor laws and compiling reports.

Section 38 of the LCA requires the Commission at the end of the financial year to report to the Minister on its operations during the year and to give a report to the Minister within 3 months after the end of the financial year.

This report relates to the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 and is hereinafter referred to as “the reporting period”.

## Members of the Commission

The Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and original members were appointed by the then Minister for Attorney-General and Justice under the LCA for a five (5) year term. The Minister for Alcohol Policy now holds this power and function. Current membership details follow:

Name	Position	Appointment Expiry Date
Mr Richard Coates	Chairperson	27 February 2023
Ms Jodi Truman	Deputy Chairperson	27 February 2023
Mr Russell Goldflam	Member (and Deputy for Ms Truman)	27 February 2023
Dr Rob Parker	Health Member	27 February 2023
Professor Phillip Carson	Health Member	30 October 2023
Mrs Pauline Lewis	Health Member	27 February 2023
Mr Kenton Winsley	Health Member	Resigned on 29 May 2021
Ms Elizabeth Stephenson	Health Member	4 June 2024
Mr Bernard Dwyer	Health Member	5 November 2024
Mr Blair McFarland	Member	27 February 2023
Ms Christine Hart	Member	27 February 2023
Ms Sandra Cannon	Member	27 February 2023
Mr Lindsay Carmichael	Member	Resigned on 18 September 2020
Mrs Amy Corcoran	Member	27 February 2023

Members receive sitting fees and allowances in accordance with rates determined by the *Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act 2006* and Ministerial reclassification dated 20 November 2018.

### **Classification of the Commission and Remuneration**

The Commission is classified as a Class B1 Quasi-Judicial Body – Senior Appeals/Important Government Process with daily rates of \$959 for the Chairperson and \$719 for Members.

On 27 February 2019, Her Honour the Administrator acted with the advice of the Executive Council and determined the entitlements for the Deputy Chairperson to be the rate of the Chairperson.

### **Chairperson administers affairs of Commission**

Section 9 of the LCA requires the Chairperson to administer the affairs of the Commission and to perform the functions imposed on the Chairperson under the LCA or another Act.

### **Commission Proceedings**

Section 16 of the LCA requires the Commission to convene as often as is necessary for the exercise of its powers and performance of its functions.

The Commission has discretion under section 21 of the *Liquor Act 2019* (LA) to conduct a hearing in relation to any matter on which it is to make a decision under the LA. In addition, section 166(2) mandates the Commission to conduct a hearing into a matter referred to it for decision as to whether to take disciplinary action against a licensee.

Any hearing conducted by the Commission must be conducted in public unless the Commission is of the opinion that it is not appropriate in the circumstances because a hearing is likely to cause undue hardship to a person, commercial-in-confidence information must be protected or conducting the hearing would not be worthwhile.

The Commission has the power to direct that the hearing, or part of the hearing, may be conducted in private or by way of written submissions only.

The Chairperson, in liaison with the Commission Support Unit, arranges for the Commission to convene to deal with a matter. Three members constitute a quorum: a presiding member, who must be either the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson and at least two other members, one of whom must be a health member.

The Commission may have more than one sitting at a time to deal with a matter.

### **Commission Meetings**

The Commission conducts meetings to determine issues across the range of its legislative responsibilities.

The Commission held its bi-annual meetings on 28 August 2020 and 18 March 2021.

Two panel meetings were held during the reporting period to approve the Code of Practice for the Responsible Advertising and Promotion of Liquor and Guidance Note and to delegate specific powers and functions of the Commission.

## **Policy and Procedures Manual**

During the reporting period, changes to the Commission's Policy and Procedures Manual were approved to provide for the new legislation that commenced on 1 October 2019.

The manual continues to be published on the Commission website at:

[https://justice.nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/537958/nt-liquor-commission-policy-procedure-manual.pdf](https://justice.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/537958/nt-liquor-commission-policy-procedure-manual.pdf)

## **Disclosure of Interest**

Section 21 of the LCA requires a member who has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter being considered or about to be considered by the Commission, to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where a member makes the disclosure, the member must not take part in any deliberation or decision in relation to the matter.

Subsection (4) requires the Commission to make and publish guidelines specifying the types of interest that a member must disclose.

Guidelines are included in the *Northern Territory Liquor Commission Policy and Procedures Manual* which is published on the Commission website.

## **Delegations**

The Commission is responsible for all decisions about the granting of licences and matters of discipline. However, it has the capacity under section 37 of the LCA to delegate its powers and functions under the LCA or the LA, in writing, to:

- The Chairperson or another member;
- The Director of Liquor Licensing (Director); or
- A public sector employee.

A delegation to the Chairperson or to the Director may be further delegated if the Chairperson or Director considers it appropriate.

Delegations are made in writing and relate to non-contentious or low-risk licensing matters only.

On 17 December 2020, the Commission delegated its powers and functions to the Director in relation to the issue of specific licences and authorities, including 21 recurring major events.



During the reporting period, Commissioners exercised delegations approving 10 licences with a major event authority. One application was referred to the Commission late in the reporting period and was not determined. It may be noted that this application was withdrawn on 15 July 2021.

## Reasons for Decision

Decisions in relation to applications are made by the Commission following consideration of the application, relevant legislative provisions and conduct of public hearing, where considered appropriate. The Commission maintains records of all referred matters from the Director, the scheduling and conduct of public hearings and Commission determinations.

Written reasons for decision are required under the LA in respect of the following matters:

Reference	Matter	Decision notice provided to
s.60	Decision to issue a licence or authority, with or without conditions or refusal of issue of licence or authority	Applicant and each person who lodged an objection to the application under section 61
s.73	Decision to refuse to authorise the transfer of a licence	Licensee and proposed transferee
s.97	Decision to approve or refuse to approve a material alteration	Applicant and each person who lodged an objection to the application under section 61
s.112	Decision to vary the conditions of a licence or authority or to refuse to vary the conditions of a licence or authority	Applicant and each person who lodged an objection to the application under section 61
s.113	Decision to vary the conditions of a licence or authority on own initiative	Licensee
s.166	Decision whether to take disciplinary action against a licensee	Parties to the hearing

A decision notice is a written notice setting out the decision, the reasons for it; and right to a review of the decision through the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT).

Decision notices are published on the Commission website. During the reporting period 59 decision notices were issued and published.

## Review of Decision of Director

Section 29 of the LCA provides that any decision of the Director is reviewable by the Commission except:

- a decision under section 161(2) of the LA (acceptance of complaint or refusal of acceptance of complaint); and
- a decision of a delegate of the Director that is reviewable by the Director under the LA.

The following persons may apply for review of a decision of the Director:

- (a) the applicant affected by a decision regarding an application;
- (b) any person affected by a decision regarding disciplinary action;
- (c) a licensee affected by a decision regarding the licence or authority held by the licensee;
- (d) any person who made a submission, complaint or objection during the process that resulted in the decision;
- (e) any other person given a right to review under the LA.

An application must be made to the Commission within 28 days after written notice of the decision is given to the person or any later date allowed by the Commission.

The application must be in the form approved by the Commission, state the grounds on which it is made; facts relied on to establish the grounds and be accompanied by the prescribed fee, if any. To date, no fee has been prescribed.

During the reporting period, there were no applications lodged for review of decision of the Director.

## **Public Interest and Community Impact Test**

### **Public Interest and Community Impact Test**

The Commission may only issue a licence or an authority if satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person, that issuing the licence or authority is in the public interest and that the licence or authority will not have a significant adverse impact on the community.

To determine whether issuing a licence or an authority is in the public interest or would have a significant impact on the community, the Commission must consider how it would advance the objectives set out in section 49(2) of the LA and the matters set out in section 49(3) of the LA.

The onus remains on the applicant to satisfy the Commission that issuing the licence or authority is in the public interest and will not have a significant adverse impact on the community.

During the reporting period, the Commission continued to apply the public interest and community impact test to certain applications it considered and determined.

### **Community Impact and Assessment Guidelines**

Section 6A of the *Liquor Act 1978* (now section 50 of the LA) required the Minister to develop and publish community impact assessment guidelines. On 6 March 2018, by Gazette S16, the Minister gave notice of the making of community impact assessment guidelines on 2 March 2018 for certain applications.

The community impact assessment guidelines set out requirements for an applicant to address certain factors with respect to community impact, information about the location and areas in which the premise is proposed to be located; cultural, recreational, employment or tourism benefits for the local community area; and how the proposed additional liquor outlet will benefit the local and broader community.

The community impact assessment guidelines issued by the Minister on 6 March 2018 remained unchanged during the reporting period.

### **Code of Practice for the Responsible Advertising and Promotion of Liquor**

Section 20 of the LA provides the Commission the discretion to establish codes of practice to regulate the following matters:

- (a) the advertising and promotion of liquor by licensees;
- (b) the conduct of business under a licence or an authority;
- (c) the operation of licensed premises;
- (d) the management of customers, purchasers and patrons by licensees, including the management of their safety;
- (e) the establishment of ethical standards and practices for licensees.

The Commission is mandated to publish any code of practice it establishes in the way the Commission considers appropriate.

It is a condition of a licence that the licensee comply with the provisions of any code of practice established and published by the Commission.

On 21 October 2020, the Commission established a Code of Practice for the Responsible Advertising and Promotion of Liquor. The publication and guidance note can be found on the Commission website at <https://industry.nt.gov.au/boards-and-committees/liquor-commission/publications>.

### **Amendments to the *Liquor Act 2019***

During the reporting period section 75 of the LA, Substitution of Premises, was amended to provide the Commission the power to impose conditions on a substitution of premises and to substitute premises that are not yet constructed or still under construction.

The LA was also amended to provide for the expedited determination of historic applications made under the *Liquor Act 1978*, to expedite applications for substitution awaiting rehearing by NTCAT and to determine any rehearing proceedings before NTCAT.

On 20 November 2020, legislation commenced to provide for the Director to make a decision on specific applications within 30 days and not require the community impact considerations.

On 17 December 2020, the Director, in exercise of his powers, handed down decisions in relation to the following matters:

1. Liquorland Australia (Oasis Shopping Centre) - Application for substitution of premises;

2. Little Cashy Pty Ltd and Dunstall Pty Ltd – Application for substitution of premises;
3. Pirlangimpi Community Club – Application for variation of conditions of licence;
4. Woolworths Group Pty Ltd (Darwin Dan Murphy’s) - Application for substitution of premises.

On 31 March 2021, by *Gazette* No G13, notice was given of the making of subordinate legislation, the *Liquor Amendment Regulations 2021* and commencement on that date.

The Regulations were changed following a request from Hospitality NT to the Minister for Alcohol Policy to allow for operation on Good Friday and Christmas Day from 11:00 to 21:00 where liquor is served, sold or supplied to patrons purchasing full meals during those hours.

The change affected the authorities relating to clubs, public bars, restaurants, bar restaurants and wayside inns.

During the reporting period the Commission continued to identify matters for the Technical Review of the LA. On 10 December 2020, the Commission provided the Director with a list of matters that it considered should be included in the review. The Commission has since continued to be consulted on the draft amendments and has provided input.

## Liquor Licensing

### Matters to be determined by the Commission

The Commission is responsible for deciding the following matters under the LA:

- (a) an application to issue a licence or an authority;
- (b) an application to vary the conditions of a licence or an authority;
- (c) an application to substitute other premises for the licensed premises;
- (d) an application to approve a material alteration to licensed premises;
- (e) an application to authorise the transfer of a licence;
- (f) taking disciplinary action;
- (g) any other matter the Director refers to the Commission.

During the reporting period, the Director referred 53 matters to the Commission for consideration and decision. Five referrals included 2 separate applications from the same licensee bringing the total number of referrals to 58.

### Summary of matters referred to Commission from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

Nature of Referral	Total
Application for the grant of a liquor licence or authority	17
Application for variation of conditions of licence	10
Application for transfer of licence	1
Application for substitution of premises	1
Application to make material alteration to licensed premises	6
Application for major event authority	11
Disciplinary action against licensee	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

A list of applications determined by the Commission by public hearing or by written submissions in view of COVID-19 restrictions is at Annexure A. It may be noted that 10 determinations relate to referrals of the Director in the previous reporting period.

## **Liquor Licences**

Section 48 of the LA provides that the Commission may issue a licence and one or more authorities to an applicant.

The five (5) year moratorium on new takeaway liquor licences remained in place during the reporting period.

An application for a licence or an authority must be lodged with the Director in the approved form and manner and must be accompanied by:

- (a) an affidavit made under section 54;
- (b) a draft of the notice of the application required under section 57;
- (c) the evidence necessary to satisfy the onus specified in section 51;
- (d) a summary of the evidence referred to in paragraph (c) that is suitable for publication;
- (e) the application fee prescribed by regulation.

The Director has the power to accept or refuse to accept the application. On acceptance, written notice is given to the applicant of the public notice requirements and the Director informs the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency administering the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*, the Commissioner of Police and chief executive officer of the local council, if applicable.

Following the acceptance of an application and any investigation, the Director must refer the application to the Commission under section 59(1).

An application may be subject to objection under section 61 and in such case, the Director must comply with section 62 and give the applicant written notice of the grounds of any objection and right to respond to the objection.

During the reporting period, the Director referred 17 applications for the grant of licence or an authority to the Commission for consideration and decision.

21 hearings were held and applications decided, including 5 licence applications referred to the Commission in the previous reporting period. One application referred and heard in the previous reporting period was determined in this reporting period and decision notice issued. One application was refused and one application was yet to be heard and decided at the end of the reporting period.

## List of licence applications subject of public hearing from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021:

Applicant	Date of Hearing
Strawberry Hill Holdings Pty Ltd*	14 July 2020
Trudi Lee Duncan & Kerri Ann Savidge*	14 July 2020
Ms Jessica Thompson*	17 July 2020
Tennis NT Incorporated	11 August 2020
The Castle Incorporated	18 September 2020
LP Creations Pty Ltd	18 September 2020
Infinity Loop Pty Ltd	18 & 25 September 2020
Territory Tough Pty Ltd	6 October 2020
Ting Family Investments Pty Ltd	2 November 2020
Supermarkets Investments Group Pty Ltd	20 November 2020
NT Investa Group*	20 November 2020
David Willing	24 November 2020
TNP Holdings Pty Ltd	24 November 2020
Air Raid Arcade Pty Ltd	14 December 2020
Simply Korean Pty Ltd	17 December 2020
NT Food Service Pty Ltd	10 February 2021
Gardens Catering Pty Ltd	22 February 2021
Palmerston Golf & Country Club Incorporated	4 March 2021
SGRD Café's Pty Ltd	23 March 2021
The Hub Tavern Pty Ltd	12 May 2021

\* Application referred in previous reporting period

### Variation of Licence Conditions

Section 110 of the LA provides for a licensee to apply to the Commission to vary the conditions of a licence or an authority. Examples of licence variations include an extension to the licensed area, change to trading hours or change of nominee.

The licensee is required to satisfy the Commission that the sought variation is in the public interest and would not have a significant adverse impact on the community.

The Commission must also consider the following:

- (a) the affidavit required by section 54;
- (b) any objection to the application made under section 61;
- (c) any response provided by the applicant under section 62;
- (d) the public interest and community impact requirements.

After considering the application and matters above, the Commission must decide to vary or refuse to vary the conditions of the licence or authority and give a decision notice.

During the reporting period, 10 applications for variation of conditions of licence were referred to the Commission for consideration and decision. Nine applications were determined, including one refusal and one part-refusal. One application was heard on the papers but not determined in the reporting period.

The Commission also concluded its considerations of one application referred to it in the previous reporting period.

### List of applications for variation of conditions of licence determined from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Licensee	Determination
Deemat Pty Ltd	Trading hours for the Garden Bar and Kirby's Sports Bar extended and additional licence conditions imposed
Dom's Bar & Lounge Pty Ltd	Material alteration approved and additional licence conditions imposed, including special noise condition
PINT Club Incorporated	Community event authority issued, material alteration approved and licence conditions varied, including 7 additional conditions
Palmerston Golf & Country Club Incorporated	Late night authority refused. Variation of trading hours approved.
Beaver Brewery Pty Ltd	Producer's Authority issued and licence conditions varied including addition of a special condition concerning sale of liquor at special events notified to Director
OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd	Entertainment, concept and noise control conditions varied
Macrowe Pty Ltd	Variation of conditions of licence approved, including concept and entertainment
The Fangoes Pty Ltd	Variation of entertainment condition approved
Crococaurus Cove Pty Ltd (The Tap on Mitchell & Crococaurus Cove)	Variation of conditions of licence refused as Commission was not satisfied the proposed alteration would not result in a contravention or failure to comply with a law specified in section 95(2) of the Act and due to applicant's failure to submit a community impact statement
Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd	Application dismissed on 3 July 2020

### Transfer of Licence

Section 71 of the LA provides for a licence to be transferable from the licensee to another person. The transfer has no effect unless it is authorised by the Commission.

An application for transfer of licence is required to be lodged with the Director in the approved form and be accompanied by specific documents and prescribed application fee. The Director must inform the following of the application, as soon as reasonably practical after receiving it:

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer of the agency administering the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*;
- (b) The Commissioner of Police;
- (c) The chief executive officer of the local council, if applicable.

After receiving the application from the Director, the Commission must consider it and decide whether to authorise the transfer, with or without conditions, or refuse to authorise the transfer of the licence. A decision notice must be given where the Commission refuses to authorise the transfer of licence.

During the reporting period, the Director referred one application for transfer of licence to the Commission for consideration and decision . The Commission cancelled the subject licence, whereupon the applicant withdrew its transfer application, and the Commission refused to authorise the transfer.

### **Refused transfer of licence from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

<b>Name of Transferee</b>	<b>Premises</b>
Robert Habib Bitar	Bojangles Restaurant and Saloon

Since 29 January 2020, applications for transfer of licence have been considered and determined by the Director, under delegation.

### **Substitution of Premises**

Section 75 of the LA provides for a licensee who wishes to substitute other premises for the licensed premises to apply for new licence for the new premises. An application to substitute premises is made in the same manner as an application to vary conditions of the licence.

Instead of issuing a new licence, the Commission may, on application of the licensee, amend a licence to substitute other premises for the licensed premises if satisfied that the substitution satisfies the public interest and community impact requirements.

On 24 March 2020, amendments to the Act commenced to allow the Commission to impose conditions on a substitution and to substitute premises that are yet to be constructed or are under construction.

During the reporting period one application for substitution of premises was referred to the Commission for consideration and decision and was approved.

The Commission also concluded its considerations of 4 applications referred to it in the previous reporting period.

### **Details of substitution applications determined from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Determination</b>
Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises refused on 3 July 2020
Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises approved on 20 August 2020
Little Cashy Pty Ltd and Dunstall Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises refused on 5 October 2020
Nundor Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises approved on 20 October 2020
Jumiam Pty Ltd & Thedugies Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises approved on 14 December 2020



## Material Alterations

Section 96 of the LA provides for a licensee to apply to the Commission for approval of a material alteration to the licensed premises. Material alterations are limited to those set out in section 95(1) of the LA:

- (a) a significant increase in the area of the premises used for the sale, supply, service or consumption of liquor;
- (b) a structural alteration to any part of the premises where liquor is sold, supplied, served or consumed;
- (c) a change to an entrance to or an exit from the premises;
- (d) a significant change to the external appearance of the premises;
- (e) a significant change to the premises' facilities related to the sale, supply service or consumption of liquor.

An application must be lodged with the Director in the approved form and be accompanied by specific documents/materials. If the Director considers it to be in the public interest, the Director may require the applicant to publish notice of the application in a manner and time specified.

In considering the application, the Commission must consider the following:

- (a) any objection to the application made under section 61;
- (b) any response provided by the applicant under section 62;
- (c) the public interest and community impact requirements.

After considering the above matters, the Commission must approve or refuse to approve the material alteration and give a decision notice.

During the reporting period, the Director referred 6 applications for material alteration to licensed premises to the Commission for consideration and decision. Four applications were heard and approved in the reporting period and one application was refused. One application was heard but not concluded.

The Commission also concluded its consideration of one application referred to it in the previous reporting period.

### List of applications for material alteration to licensed premises determined from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Applicant	Determination
Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association	Material alteration approved on 11 August 2020
Chateau Wood Pty Ltd	Material alteration approved on 24 November 2020
Crocosaurus Cove Pty Ltd	Material alteration refused on 3 March 2021
Dom's Bar & Lounge Pty Ltd	Material alteration approved on 5 March 2021
PINT Club Incorporated	Material alteration approved on 17 March 2021
AFS Realty & Business Brokers Pty Ltd	Material alteration approved on 20 October 2020

## Major Event Authority

Section 47 of the Act provides for authorities attached to a licence, including a major event authority which authorises the licensee to sell liquor for consumption on or in licensed premises, to patrons attending a single event that is to have at least 1500 attendees, or have a significant effect on public transport or local amenities or requires more than a usual amount of emergency services or police supervision.

An application for a licence with a major event authority is made under section 52 of the Act and requires public notice of the application.

The Director is required to refer an accepted application to the Commission for consideration and decision except those applications the Director is authorised to deal with under delegation.

On 28 October 2019, the Commission delegated its power to issue a major event authority to a member of the Commission. This significant change has resulted in cost-savings in not having to convene a whole panel to consider and decide an application and has allowed for any application determined by a Commissioner under delegation to be decided on the papers.

Further, on 17 December 2020, the Commission delegated its powers and functions to the Director in relation to the issue of specific licences and authorities, including 21 recurring major events. This change has resulted in a significant reduction of applications being referred to the Commission for decision and further cost-savings.

During the reporting period, 11 major event authority applications were referred to the Commission for consideration and decision. A Commission member determined the applications under delegation. Two applications were not determined within the reporting period.

The Commission also concluded its consideration of one application referred to it in the previous reporting period.

### List of major event authorities issued from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Name of Licensee and Event	Determination
NT Major Events Company Pty Ltd – BetEasy Darwin Triple Crown	Major event authority issued on 28 July 2020
NT Major Events Company Pty Ltd - Darwin Super Sprint	Major event authority issued on 28 July 2020
The Darwin Festival Limited – 2020 Darwin Festival – Festival Park	Major event authority issued on 31 July 2020
The Katherine Turf Club Incorporated – 2020 Katherine Cup Race Day	Major event authority issued on 30 July 2020
NT Major Events Company Pty Ltd – Red Centre NATS	Major event authority issued on 27 August 2020
Darwin Waterfront Corporation – New Year’s Eve Concert	Major event authority issued on 3 December 2020
Finke Desert Race Incorporated – Tatts Finke Desert Race 2021, 2022 and 2023	Major event authority issued on 7 December 2020

LACT Activations Pty Ltd – SummerSalt	Major event authority approved 23 March 2021
Summer Junkies Pty Ltd – Pure 2021 and Carol Cox & Eric Powell Mobile Disco	Major event authority approved 22 April 2021
Nalomian Pty Ltd – The Darwin 4WD Boating and Camping Expo Concert	Major event authority approved 17 June 2021

## **Disciplinary Action/Complaints against Licensees**

The granting of a liquor licence by the Commission brings with it a number of responsibilities for the licensee, both under the LA and in the conditions of their licence.

Section 160 of the LA provides for a person to make a complaint against a licensee on a number of grounds set out in subsection (1).

A complaint against a licensee must be made in the approved form, specify the ground of the complaint, be signed by the complainant and be lodged with the Director.

The Director has the power to decide to accept, or refuse to accept, the complaint. After making a decision to accept a complaint, the Director must give notice of the substance of the complaint to the licensee, the Director's intention to investigate the complaint and a right to respond to the complaint.

On completing an investigation, the Director is empowered to take the following action:

- take no further action if satisfied there are no grounds to justify taking further action or that the matter does not warrant further action;
- give the licensee a formal warning in relation to the complaint;
- mediate the complaint;
- issue an infringement notice in relation to the complaint;
- enter into an enforceable undertaking with the licensee in relation to the complaint;
- refer the matter to the Commission for disciplinary action.

A referral of a complaint to the Commission must specify details about any licensee response, the results of the investigation and the grounds for disciplinary action.

Section 165 of the LA empowers the Commission to take disciplinary action if satisfied that a ground for the disciplinary action exists and the disciplinary action is appropriate in relation to that ground.

The Commission may take any of the following disciplinary actions against a licensee:

- vary the conditions of the licensee's licence or impose additional conditions on the licence;
- suspend a licence;
- cancel a licence;

- impose a monetary penalty on a licensee in accordance with section 167;
- direct a licensee to take, or refrain from taking, a specified action;
- disqualify a person from holding a licence for a specified period.

The Commission may not take disciplinary action against a licensee by imposing a monetary penalty on the licensee for a contravention of the Act if the licensee has paid a sum to expiate an alleged offence after receiving an infringement notice in relation to the contravention, or the licensee has been prosecuted for an offence in relation to that contravention, and the prosecution was not discontinued.

During the reporting period, the Director referred 12 matters to the Commission for disciplinary action. Public hearings were conducted in respect of all matters but one matter remained part heard in the reporting period.

The Commission decided to take disciplinary action in respect of 11 matters.

Date of Hearing	Licensee	Alleged Breach	Determination
22 September 2020	Epsomm Pty Ltd (Humpty Doo Tavern)	54 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> – licensee sold liquor to individuals without completing a scan of an approved identification system	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed - 24 hour suspension of takeaway trade from 10:00am on Tuesday 10 November 2020. CCTV camera surveillance condition imposed
27 October 2020, 1 December 2020 and 8 January 2021.	PINT Club Incorporated	Breach of Special Condition of licence: licensee failed to record sound levels and contravention of section 293 – failure to comply with Special Condition of licence to record complaints received	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action taken by varying the conditions of the licensee's licence relating to noise management
2 November 2020 and 3 November 2020	NT Pubco Pty Ltd (Howard Springs Tavern)	9 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee sold liquor to individuals without completing a scan of an approved identification system	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: monetary penalty of 3 penalty units (\$474.00)
4 November 2020, Vacated to 15 December 2020	BK Graham Pty Ltd	Breach of section 293 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee failed to disclose persons of influence and potential beneficiaries, contrary to section 54 of the Act	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: monetary penalty of 20 penalty units (\$3,160.00)
11 January 2021	Anthony Zaki Habib (Bojangles Restaurant and Saloon)	Licensee is not a fit and proper person to hold the licence, pursuant to section 160(1)(h) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action taken by cancellation of liquor licence and disqualifying Mr Habib from holding a liquor licence for a period of ten years

10 February 2021	KTLP Enterprises Pty Ltd (Plaza Karama Tavern)	46 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee sold liquor to individuals without completing a scan of an approved identification system	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: 8 hour suspension of takeaway trade from 14:00 hours on Friday, 19 March 2021 and direction that signage be displayed
11 and 12 February 2021	Dom's Bar & Lounge Pty Ltd (LC2020-056)	Breach of section 93 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee caused or permitted undue and unreasonable noise on or in the licensed premises that affects the amenity of the neighbourhood. Breach of section 293 (1) of the Act: licensee intentionally engaged in conduct that resulted in a contravention of a condition of licence	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action taken by varying the current Special Condition and replacing it with noise control conditions.
11 and 12 February 2021	Dom's Bar & Lounge Pty Ltd (LC2021-002)	Breach of section 93 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee caused or permitted undue and unreasonable noise on or in the licensed premises that affects the amenity of the neighbourhood. Breach of section 293 (1) of the Act: licensee intentionally engaged in conduct that resulted in a contravention of a condition of licence	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action taken by varying the current Special Condition replacing it with noise control conditions.
16 March 2021	Halikos Hospitality Pty Ltd	25 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> – licensee sold liquor to individuals without completing a scan of an approved identification system	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: 8 hour suspension of takeaway trade from 14:00 hours on Friday 23 April 2021 and direction that signage be displayed. CCTV camera surveillance condition imposed
28 April 2021 at 10:00am	OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd (Coolalinga Tavern)	Breach of section 293 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee intentionally engaged in conducted that resulted in a contravention of the licensee's licence Breach of section 93: licensee allowed undue and unreasonable noise on or in the licensed premises that affected the amenity of the neighbourhood	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: monetary penalty of 22 penalty units  Complaint dismissed
26 May 2021	Western Services Pty Ltd (Larrimah Wayside Inn)	144 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee sold liquor to individuals without completing a scan of an approved identification system  Licensee (or an employee of the license) sold/supplied takeaway liquor to a patron prior to the hours within which takeaway liquor can be sold to the public	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: 5 days suspension of takeaway trade from 2:00pm on 16 August 2021 until close of business on 21 August 2021; CCTV camera surveillance condition imposed; licence conditions varied to include takeaway restrictions

The Commission also concluded its consideration of 5 matters referred to it in the previous reporting period.

Date of Hearing(s)	Licensee	Alleged Breach	Determination
25 May 2020, 1 June 2020, 30 June 2020 and 28 July 2020	Sabine Trading Co Pty Ltd (Douglas Street Supermarket)	41 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee sold liquor to individuals without completing a scan of an approved identification system  2 breaches of section 130(2)(c): licensee sold liquor to an individual despite the identification system scanner indicating the individual was prohibited from purchasing or consuming liquor  Breaches of sections 137(1), 137(3), 134 and 285 of the Act	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: 28 days suspension of takeaway trade from 28 September 2020, variation of condition of licence relating to Takeaway Hours and additional special conditions including CCTV camera surveillance condition
25 June 2020	The NT Rock Bar Pty Ltd	Breach of section 141 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee intentionally sold or otherwise supplied alcohol to a person who was intoxicated  Breach of section 285 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee failed to exclude from the licensed premises a person who was incapable of controlling their behaviour and was intoxicated	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: monetary penalty in the sum of \$1,600
25 May 2020, 1 June 2020, 30 June 2020 and 28 July 2020	Sabine Trading Co Pty Ltd (Sabine Supermarket)	Breach of section 130(2)(c): licensee sold liquor to individuals despite the identification system scanner indicating the individual was prohibited from purchasing or consuming liquor  9 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee sold liquor to individuals without correctly using the identification system scanner	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: 2 days suspension of takeaway trade from 2 October 2020, variation of condition of licence relating to Takeaway Hours and additional special conditions including CCTV camera surveillance condition. Licensee directed that any employees seen in the CCTV footage the subject of the complaint undertake BDR training within 60 days of notice
14 July 2020	JTR Investments Pty Ltd (Hidden Valley Tavern)	192 breaches of section 130 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee sold liquor to individuals without completing a scan of an approved identification system	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: 48 hours suspension of takeaway trade from 9:00am on 22 August 2020
17 July 2020	Alice Springs Golf Club Incorporated	Breach of section 285(1) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> : licensee's employee intentionally sold or otherwise supplied liquor on licensed premises to another person who was intoxicated	Complaint upheld. Disciplinary action imposed: monetary penalty in the sum of \$400

During the reporting period, the Commission received no decision notices from the Director concerning action taken after an investigation into a complaint.

## **Suspension of Licence**

Section 165(2)(b) of the LA provides for the Commission to take the disciplinary action against a licensee by suspension of licence.

During the reporting period, the Commission suspended the takeaway trading hours of 7 licences of 7 licensees for periods of 8 hours up to 28 days, as reported above under disciplinary action.

Section 258 of the LA provides for the Commissioner of Police to suspend a licence or an authority on certain circumstances being an emergency or a natural disaster, riotous conduct, a breach of the peace or a threat to public safety. A suspension can have effect for a maximum of 48 hours. The Commissioner of Police must give written notice of a suspension to the Chairperson.

During the reporting period, one notice was received of the suspension of licence of Larrimah Wayside Inn for 48 hours.

## **Review of Takeaway Licence Conditions in Barkly Region**

On 12 June 2018, the Commission exercised its power under section 33 of the *Liquor Act 1978* and permanently varied the takeaway conditions of specified Barkly Region licences to prohibit the sale of take-away alcohol prior to 4:00pm and after 7:00pm. Further, the Commission determined to retain the restrictions earlier imposed by the Director and Minister in respect of product sales per person per day and prohibition of the sale of wine or fortified wine in a container larger than 1 litre and beer in bottles of 750 ml or larger.

Whilst the Decision Notice provided for a six month review of the takeaway conditions, the Commission's plans to undertake a further review were delayed due to delays in completing a similar inquiry into takeaway conditions for Alice Springs licensees which was subject of an NTCAT review.

In October 2020, the Commission initiated the review of takeaway licence conditions and called for submissions. On 6 January 2021, in accordance with section 113(2) of the LA, the Commission issued written notice comprising proposed variation of licence conditions together with reasons for the proposed variations and invited responses within 28 days. The proposed variations related to a proposed CCTV surveillance condition, a proposed PALI condition, a proposed on-premises BDR condition and a proposed household limit condition.

The notice of proposed conditions attracted widespread media commentary, leading the Commission to form the view that it was appropriate to conduct a hearing. On 19 January 2021, the Commission issued notice of the conduct of a public hearing in Tennant Creek on 2 February 2021. The hearing proceeding on that date.

Following consideration of licensee responses, the results of the hearing and consideration of public interest and community impact requirements, the Commission issued its decision notice to licensees on 28 May 2021, pursuant to section 113(4) of the Act.

In summary, the Commission determined to insert the proposed CCTV surveillance condition (with minor modifications) and the proposed PALI condition but not the proposed on-premises BDR condition or the proposed household limit condition. Further, the Commission determined to vary the existing product limit condition by permitting it to be applied more flexibly, subject to the modification of the information technology system to support the condition.

All submissions and data received by the Commission in the course of the review are posted on the website together with the notice of proposed variations and final decision notice at <https://industry.nt.gov.au/boards-and-committees/liquor-commission/proposed-variations-of-conditions-of-licence-barkly-region>.

## **Review of Takeaway Licence Conditions in Victoria River Region**

On 10 May 2021, the Walangeri Ngumpinku Aboriginal Corporation wrote to the Minister for Alcohol Policy concerning alcohol issues in the Yarralin community (a dry community) and surrounds. The letter was referred to the Commission for the purpose of considering the exercise of its powers under section 113 of the Act to conduct an inquiry on its own initiative with the view to considering whether restrictions on certain liquor products should be imposed on licensees in the Victoria River Region.

The Commission determined to conduct a section 113 inquiry, which was not complete within the reporting period.

## **Review of Takeaway Licence Conditions Heartbreak Hotel**

On 22 January 2020, NT Police wrote to the Commission with a request that the Commission vary the licence conditions of the liquor licence of Kabe Junction Pty Ltd, trading as Heartbreak Hotel (the Licensee), Cape Crawford.

The variations sought were to remove the licence condition allowing the premises to remain open for the sale of liquor in certain circumstances after 23:00 hours, to reduce takeaway hours to between 14:30 and 17:30 hours and to introduce a requirement in the licence that the Licensee install CCTV cameras to cover the point of sale of takeaway liquor.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it became impossible for the Commission to travel to Borroloola and consult with relevant stakeholders. The Commission therefore decided to deal with the matter in stages and deal with a relatively non-contentious matter first.

On 10 September 2020, a Notice of Proposed Variations was sent to the Licensee proposing the inclusion of a licence condition requiring CCTV coverage of takeaway sales and invited a response to the proposal.

On 20 October 2021, the Licensee wrote to the Commission accepting the proposed condition and agreed that it will provide an opportunity to objectively assess the operation of the takeaway aspect of the licence.

On 22 October 2021, the Commission issued its Decision Notice under section 113(4) of the LA and inserted a CCTV surveillance condition.



A copy of the Decision Notice is published on the Commission website at <https://industry.nt.gov.au/boards-and-committees/liquor-commission/variation-of-conditions-of-licence-or-authority-by-the-liquor-commission>

## Review of Commission’s Decisions

Section 31 of the LA provides for any decision of the Commission for which a decision notice is required is reviewable by NTCAT.

The following persons may apply to NTCAT for a review of the decision:

- (a) In all cases – the Director;
- (b) In the case of a decision regarding a licensee or a licensee's licence, authority or licensed premises – the licensee;
- (c) In the case of a decision regarding an application – the applicant;
- (d) In the case of a submission, complaint or objection that was the subject of a decision – the person who made the submission, complaint or objection;
- (e) In the case of a decision of the Commission under Part 4 of the *Liquor Commission Act 2018* – any affected person as defined in section 28 of that Act.

During the reporting period, the following matters were referred to NTCAT for review or remained under review by NTCAT:

Date of Initiating Application	Parties	Orders Sought	Order
30 July 2020	Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd v Northern Territory Liquor Commission	Review decision dated 3 July 2020 so as to produce the correct and preferable decision	On 7 December 2020 the Tribunal ordered by consent the applicant had leave to withdraw the proceeding (which in consequence, was concluded)
16 September 2020	Sabine Trading Co Pty Ltd v Northern Territory Liquor Commission	That the disciplinary decisions made on 20 August 2020 and the decision to vary the terms of the licenses held by the applicant be set aside	On 20 November 2020 the Tribunal ordered by consent that leave was granted for the proceeding to be withdrawn
30 October 2020	Little Cashy Pty Ltd and Dunstall Pty Ltd v Northern Territory Liquor Commission	That the application to amend the liquor licence by substituting other premises in the licence be approved	On 7 December 2020 the Tribunal ordered by consent that the proceeding was dismissed
15 January 2021	Clubs NT Incorporated v Jumiam Pty Ltd, Thedugies Pty Ltd and Northern Territory Liquor Commission	That the onus of the applicant to satisfy the Commission that granting the application for substitution of premises was both in the public interest and would not have significant adverse impact on the community was not met and that application therefore be refused.	On 26 May 2021, by order the Tribunal confirmed the decision of the Liquor Commission dated 14 December 2020 approving the substitution application

21 and 24 June 2019	Various Alice Springs Licensees v Northern Territory Liquor Commission		On 28 October 2020 the Tribunal ordered that the Commission decision dated 13 January 2020 be varied to have the variations take effect from 3 November 2020 (for a twelve month period) and replaced to reportable transaction condition
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Subsequent to the NTCAT decision of 28 October 2020, the Commission determined to similarly vary the licences of the licensees who were not a party to the NTCAT review being Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd (Liquorland Alice Springs), Stuart Highway Investments Pty Ltd (Milner Road Foodtown) and Woolworths Group Limited (BWS Alice Springs).

A copy of the Decision Notice dated 19 November 2020 is published on the Commission's website at [https://industry.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/952185/decision-notice-variation-conditions-licence-191120.pdf](https://industry.nt.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/952185/decision-notice-variation-conditions-licence-191120.pdf).

## ANNEXURE A

## List of applications determined in reporting period

<b>Date Referral Received</b>	<b>Nature of Matter</b>	<b>Name of Applicant/Licensee</b>	<b>Decision</b>
4-Apr-19	Application for substitution of premises	Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
24-Sep-19	Application for a Liquor Licence	Ms Jessica Thompson	Licence issued pursuant to section 29(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 1978</i>
8-Oct-19	Application for material alteration to licensed premises	AFS Realty & Business Brokers Pty Ltd	Material alteration approved pursuant to section 119(8)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 1978</i>
8-Oct-19	Application for substitution of premises	Nundor Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
16-Dec-19	Application for substitution of premises	Little Cashy Pty Ltd and Dunstall Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises refused pursuant to section 112(2)(b) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
6-Mar-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	NT Investa Group Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant bar authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
14-Apr-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Redrock Cattle Company Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant bar authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
13-May-20	Application for substitution of premises	Jumiam Pty Ltd & Thedugies Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
3-Jun-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Strawberry Hill Holdings Pty Ltd	Licence and lodging and special venture authorities issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
24-Jun-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	TL Duncan & KA Savidge	Licence and special venture authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
13-Jul-20	Application for permanent variation of conditions of licence	Deemat Pty Ltd (Katherine Hotel)	Variation of conditions of licence approved by the Liquor Commission pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
14-Jul-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Tennis NT Incorporated	Licence issued pursuant to section 29(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 1978</i>
14-Jul-20	Application for substitution of premises	Liquorland (Australia) Pty Ltd	Substitution of premises approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
14-Jul-20	Application for material alteration to licensed premises	Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association	Material alteration approved pursuant to section 97(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
12-Aug-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Infinity Loop Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
12-Aug-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	The Castle Incorporated	Licence and community club authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
31-Aug-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	LP Creations Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant bar, BYO and catering authorities issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>

15-Sep-20	Application for Liquor Licence or authority	Territory Tough Pty Ltd	Licence and small bar authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> . Restaurant authority cancelled
08-Oct-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Supermarkets Investa Group Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
21-Oct-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Air Raid Arcade Pty Ltd	Licence and small bar authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
22-Oct-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Ting Family Investments Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
04-Nov-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Simply Korean Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant and BYO authorities issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
04-Nov-20	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	David Willing	Licence and producers' and small bar authorities issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
11-Nov-20	Application for material alteration to licensed premises	Chateau Wood Pty Ltd	Material alteration approved pursuant to section 97(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
12-Nov-20	Application for the grant of a licence or authority	TNP Holdings Pty Ltd	Licence and producers authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
21-Jan-21	Application for material alteration and permanent variation of conditions of licence	Crocosaurus Cove Pty Ltd	Material alteration refused pursuant to section 97(2)(b) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> and variation of conditions of licence refused pursuant to section 112(2)(b)
21-Jan-21	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	Gardens Catering Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant bar and catering authorities issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
21-Jan-21	Application for material alteration and permanent variation of conditions of licence	Dom's Bar & Lounge Pty Ltd	Material alteration approved pursuant to section 97(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> and variation of conditions of licence approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a)
29-Jan-21	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	NT Food Service Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant bar authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
29-Jan-21	Application for material alteration and permanent variation of conditions of licence	PINT Club Incorporated	Material alteration approved pursuant to section 97(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> . Community event authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) and variation of conditions of licence approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a)
18-Feb-21	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority and permanent variation of conditions of licence	Palmerston Golf & Country Club Incorporated	Late Night authority refused pursuant to section 60(1)(b) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> and variation of conditions of licence approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a)
24-Feb-21	Application for a Liquor Licence or authority	SGRD Café's Pty Ltd	Licence and restaurant authority issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>

26-Feb-21	Application for permanent variation of conditions of licence	Beaver Brewery Pty Ltd	Producers' authority issued section 60(1)(b) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i> and variation of conditions of licence approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a)
31-Mar-21	Application for permanent variation of conditions of licence	OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd	Variation of conditions of licence approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
19-Apr-21	Application for the grant of a licence or authority	The Hub Tavern Pty Ltd	Licence and public bar and late night authorities issued pursuant to section 60(1)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
19-Apr-21	Application for permanent variation of conditions of licence	Macrowe Pty Ltd	Variation of conditions of licence approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
19-Apr-21	Application for permanent variation of conditions of licence	The Frangoes Pty Ltd	Variation of conditions of licence approved pursuant to section 112(2)(a) of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>