

Northern Territory Licensing Commission

Reasons for Decision

Applicant:	Bedwin Pty Ltd t/as Top End Sportsfishing Safaris
Restricted Area:	Melville Island Restricted Area
Heard Before:	Craig Spencer
Date of Hearing:	31 August 2005

Application for the Revocation and Redeclaration of a Restricted Area Pursuant to Part 8 of the *Liquor Act*

- 1) An application has been made by the applicant to revoke and re-declare the Melville Island Restricted Area to allow the granting of a liquor licence to Top End Sportsfishing Safaris. All interested parties including those referred to in s 77(2) of the *Liquor Act* were consulted and notified of the time and place of the public hearing arranged for 31 August 2005 at 10am at the premises of the applicant on Melville Island. Details of the proposed hearing were advertised to the satisfaction of the Commission.
- 2) The two areas to be removed from the restricted area are commonly known as the Johnston River Safari Base Camp and the premises at Lot 354 Milikapiti. The legal description of each of these areas is defined as follows:

A - Johnston River Safari Base Camp

All that parcel of land surrounding the sport-fishing safari site abutting the Johnston River on Melville Island, Northern Territory of Australia containing an area of 1.62 hectares more or less and bounded by straight lines connecting in succession the Map Grid of Australia (Zone 52) co-ordinates listed hereunder.

Point	Easting (Metres)	Northing (Metres)
1)	747 861.52	8 722 113.83
2)	747 890.27	8 722 076.93
3)	747 822.35	8 722 013.41
4)	747 796.58	8 722 039.23
5)	747 747.52	8 721 991.92
6)	747 728.00	8 722 028.00
7)	747 686.73	8 722 048.96
8)	747 673.00	8 722 068.00
9)	747 693.00	8 722 099.00
10)	747 698.70	8 722 113.33
11)	747 735.28	8 722 112.62
12)	747 808.19	8 722 110.33
13)	747 861.52	8 722 113.83

B- Lot 354 Milikapiti (CUFT Volume 684 / Folio 201 more particularly delineated on Survey Plan 4194 Melville Island)

- 3) The hearing took place on 31 August 2005 at 10am at Milikapiti. There were no objections to the proposed revocation and redeclaration to allow a liquor licence to be granted to the applicant.
- 4) The applicant's business provides guided fishing and hunting safaris to paying guests and is conducted both from the premises at Milikapiti and from the Johnston River Safari Base Camp. To date, paying guests have been required to obtain a permit in order to be able to consume alcohol on the island. When a guest fails to consume all the alcohol they brought to the island, it must be taken with them when they leave or alternatively destroyed. The whole process is time consuming and wasteful.
- 5) The applicant is satisfied that granting to the business a liquor licence will allow them to provide a better, more efficient service to their clients without creating any concerns to the wider Melville Island community. The applicant has satisfied the Commission that proper security exists on their premises to ensure that any stored liquor is housed safely and will only be consumed by their paying guests.
- 6) Following the hearing, the Commission is satisfied that the following steps should be taken:
 - a) Pursuant to s84 of the *Liquor Act*, the Melville Island Restricted area shall be revoked and re-declared excising the areas known as the Johnston River Safari Base Camp and Lot 354 Milikapiti; and
 - b) A liquor licence shall be granted to the applicant to allow them to provide liquor to paying guests at the aforementioned premises only.

Craig Spencer
Member

24 October 2005