

LIQUOR ACT 2019

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A SUBSTITUTION OF LICENCE AND VARIATION OF LICENCE CONDITIONS

OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd gives notice that it has applied to the Director of Liquor Licensing for the substitution of licensed premises for licence 80318998, currently operating as the Stone House Wine Bar & Kitchen, 33 Cavenagh Street, Darwin to sit concurrent with the existing licence FLL1048, being the Coolalinga Village Tavern, 425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga.

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION AND VARIATION OF CONDITIONS

Substitution of licence

The Stone House Wine Bar & Kitchen licence operates under ***restaurant bar, takeaway and late night authorities***. The licensee intends to substitute the licence from 33 Cavenagh Street, Darwin to the premises being the Coolalinga Village Tavern, 425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga. If approved, the licensee will surrender the restaurant bar and late night authorities and retain the takeaway authority to provide for takeaway sales at the Coolalinga Village Tavern.

The licence 80318998 (takeaway authority, noting the other authorities will be surrendered) will remain and sit in conjunction with the existing Coolalinga Village Tavern licence FLL1048 at 425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga.

The sale of takeaway liquor at the premises, if approved, will be from existing points of sale (over the bar).

Variation of licence conditions

The licence for the Coolalinga Village Tavern (FLL1048) has a condition prohibiting the sale of takeaway liquor. If the substitution application is approved, this condition will need to be removed from the licence.

There is no application to increase the licensed footprint, hours of trade or other material conditions of the licences. Any variations will be minor and consequential to the approval of the substitution of the licence.

Objections to the application:

An objection may only be made on the following grounds:

- a) that issuing the licence or authority, varying the conditions, substituting other premises or making the material alteration would adversely affect:
 - i) the amenity of the neighbourhood of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises; or
 - ii) the health, education, public safety or social conditions in the community of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises;
- b) that the applicant is not a fit and proper person.

Only the following may make an objection:

- a) a person residing or working in the neighbourhood of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises;
- b) the owner or occupier of land in the neighbourhood of the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises;
- c) a local council of the local government area where the licensed premises or proposed licensed premises are located;
- d) a Member of the Legislative Assembly;
- e) a police officer or employee of the Police Force, acting in that capacity;
- f) a member or employee of the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service, established under the Fire and Emergency Act 1996, acting in that capacity;
- g) an Agency or public authority that performs functions relating to public amenities, including health, education and public safety;
- h) a charity or a community-based organisation or body.

The objection must be lodged with the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director) within 14 days of the publication of the notice and:

- a) be in writing or in a form approved by the Director that is suitable for someone unable to effectively communicate in writing; and
- b) be signed by or on behalf of the person or body making the objection; and
- c) set out the grounds of the objection and the facts relied on to support those grounds.

Applicant's right to respond to objection:

Objections are to be lodged with the Director by email at DirectorLiquorLicensing@nt.gov.au.

The Director must provide the applicant with any objections lodged and notice of their right to respond to the objection.

The *Liquor Act 2019* requires a notice to be published of the application along with a detailed description of the business proposed to be conducted, how to obtain a copy of the Community Impact Assessment and how to lodge an objection to the liquor licence. Further information including how to obtain a copy of the Community Impact Assessment can be obtained via telephone to Licensing NT (08) 8999 1800 or via email DirectorLiquorLicensing@nt.gov.au.

Dated 25 July 2026

Application to vary a liquor licence

Approved form under section 110 of the Liquor Act 2019

- Type your answers or use clear, printed writing.
- Attach extra documents if your answer/s don't fit into the space provided.
- If you need help with your application, call Licensing NT on 08 8999 1800 or email liquorlicensing@nt.gov.au

Before you apply

You must also attach supporting documents – see section 3 of this application.

Section 1. Licence details	
Licence number	80318998
Full name of current licensee	OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd
Trading name of premises	Stone House Wine and Kitchen
Address/location of premises	33 Cavenagh Street, Darwin City 0801
Section 2. Contact details	
Phone	(08) 8983 1115
Email	admin@coolalingatavern.com.au
Postal address	425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga 0839
Section 3. Variation details	
Explain what you would like to vary (for example, change of hours, new condition/s) and include details of the change/s you would like. Attach extra pages if needed.	
Refer to attached document named "Vary a LL Form Sub - SHWK"	
Will the variation apply to all of the licensed areas?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Will the variation apply off the licensed premises? (for example, substitution of premises)	☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, provide details and attach floor plans and/or diagrams of the area, council approval etc.	See attached application package for details.

Will the variation apply to part of the licensed area?		Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, provide details		
Will the variation only be temporary? Attach extra page/s if you need to		Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, enter the dates and times that you want the variation to apply		
Section 4. Supporting documents		
If you don't supply the supporting documentation, Licensing NT will not accept your application.		
An affidavit made in line with section 54 of the Liquor Act 2019 ¹ (the Act)		☒ Yes ☐ No
A draft of the public notice of application required under section 57 of the Act		☒ Yes ☐ No
Enough evidence to show that this change is in the public interest and will not have a significant adverse impact on the community*, pursuant to sections 49 and 51 of the Act		☒ Yes ☐ No
A summary of the evidence required to satisfy the onus specified in section 51 of the Act, which you consent to being published/made publicly available		☒ Yes ☐ No
Proof of title, or fully executed lease/contract or other evidence of your right to occupy the premises		☒ Yes ☐ No
If you are applying to substitute other premises for the licensed premises, a copy of your application for a new liquor licence and the supporting information		Yes ☐ No ☒
A clear, colour copy of your photo identification (driver's licence, passport, NT working with children card, Australia Post keypass card or evidence of age card)		☒ Yes ☐ No
A receipt for the application fee ²		☒ Yes ☐ No

¹ <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Legislation/LIQUOR-ACT-2019>

² <https://nt.gov.au/industry/liquor/sell-supply-serve/fees-and-processing-times>

Section 5. Consent for document verification			
We will verify your identity against existing government records using the ID Match Document Verification Service. This service encrypts your information during verification. You can find out more about the service on the Australian Government's ID Match website ³			
I confirm that I am authorised to provide the personal details presented and I consent to the document details I've provided as evidence of identity to be checked with the relevant government agency via the Document Verification Service.			☒ Yes ☐ No
Privacy declaration			
I have read the privacy statement at the end of this form and declare that I have made reasonable efforts to make all third parties aware of the information in the privacy statement.			
Signature of applicant		Date	10/7/26

Privacy statement

For the applicant

You have been asked to provide personal information as part of this application. You do not have to provide us with your personal information but if you choose not to, we might not be able to accept or process your application, or your application may be refused.

As part of this application, you are also providing personal information about other persons ('third parties'). Please ensure that you let all third parties know that you are providing their information as part of your application, and ensure they are aware of the information set out below.

For the applicant and third parties

We collect and use your personal information to process and manage this application (and, if approved, any subsequent licence/registration) under the *Liquor Act 2019*. Third party information is required by law to enable consideration of the applicant's suitability to hold a licence / registration. If the applicant does not provide this information, it may affect their ability to obtain and maintain a licence/registration.

We may share your information with the Liquor Commission, NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services, local council, the Department of Health and/or other authorities or people, but only if we are required or authorised by law to do so. We will also not use your personal information unless that use is required or authorised by law.

You have a right to access the information we hold about you. To learn more about this, or if you would like to access or correct the information we hold about you or make a privacy complaint about us, go to the [Department of Tourism and Hospitality website](#)⁴. To specifically discuss how your information is used and shared by Licensing NT, you can contact us on 08 8999 1800 or email us at liquorlicensing@nt.gov.au.

³ <https://www.idmatch.gov.au/>

⁴ <https://dth.nt.gov.au/publications/corporate/your-privacy>



COOLALINGA TAVERN – BUSINESS PLAN

Proposed Addition of a Takeaway Liquor Licence

Prepared For: OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd

Location: 425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga NT

Date: July 2026

Executive Summary

Coolalinga Tavern is an established hospitality venue servicing the rapidly growing rural corridor between Darwin and Palmerston. The business currently provides:

- Family dining
- Public bar
- Gaming
- TAB facilities
- Entertainment

The tavern has developed a strong customer base and is recognised as one of the major hospitality venues within the Litchfield municipality.

This business plan supports the addition of a takeaway liquor operation that complements—not replaces—the existing tavern business.

The proposed additional takeaway liquor offering would:

- improve customer convenience
- meet growing local demand
- support local economic growth
- assist in stabilising employment arrangements
- reduce unnecessary travel for patrons wishing to access takeaway liquor services.
- operate under industry-leading responsible service and harm minimisation practices.



Business Overview

Current Business

Coolalinga Tavern commenced trading following approval of its tavern licence in 2017 and has become a destination venue for residents from:

- Coolalinga
- Howard Springs
- Virginia
- Bees Creek
- Humpty Doo
- Noonamah
- Palmerston
- rural Darwin

The venue currently offers:

- quality dining
- premium beverage service
- gaming
- live entertainment
- sporting broadcasts
- community events
- function facilities

The tavern operates seven days per week with strong lunchtime and evening trade.

Vision

To become the premier hospitality and retail liquor destination servicing Darwin's rural area while maintaining the highest standards of responsible alcohol management.

Mission Statement

To provide customers with:

- exceptional service
- premium products
- convenience
- responsible alcohol retailing
- a safe and secure family-friendly environment.



Objectives

Within three years the business aims to:

- establish a profitable takeaway liquor offering as part of the hotel operations
- increase total revenue by 10 – 15 %
- create additional employment opportunities
- improve customer convenience
- strengthen the Coolalinga Shopping Centre as a regional destination
- maintain exemplary compliance with the Liquor Act.

Market Analysis

Regional Growth

The Darwin rural area continues to experience sustained residential growth.

Major population centres include:

- Coolalinga
- Howard Springs
- Virginia
- Humpty Doo
- Bees Creek
- Noonamah

Ongoing residential subdivisions continue to increase demand for retail services, including hospitality and liquor retailing.

Customer Base

Primary customers include:

- local residents
- families
- tradespeople
- government employees
- defence personnel
- tourists
- recreational travellers
- sporting groups

The Takeaway Authority provides a natural extension of the current service offerings, for patrons wishing to purchase liquor after dining, enjoying the entertainment offerings and/or socialising at the venue.



Market Need

Current customer feedback consistently identifies demand for:

- a convenient local takeaway alcohol service
- premium wine selection
- craft beer
- quality spirits
- local purchasing rather than travelling further into Darwin or Palmerston

The proposed operation will meet customer expectations by enhancing the current service offerings available at the Tavern, rather than creating a new drinking destination.

Competitive Advantages

The proposed Takeaway Authority benefits from:

- established customer loyalty
- existing management systems
- experienced liquor venue operators
- ample on-site parking
- operating within a successful tavern venue
- existing security infrastructure

Proposed Takeaway Liquor Business

The new authority will allow the premise to offer the following for consumption off premises:

- beer
- wine
- spirits
- RTDs
- premium products
- local and Australian craft beverages
- gift packs
- chilled products

Key operating principles include:

- responsible service of alcohol processes
- competitive pricing
- excellent customer service
- proven security arrangements



Responsible Service of Alcohol

The business recognises that responsible alcohol management is fundamental to its operation.

Measures include:

- 100% RSA-trained staff
- electronic ID scanning where required
- refusal register
- incident reporting
- CCTV coverage
- staff refresher training
- management oversight
- compliance with all Northern Territory legislation

Harm Minimisation Strategy

The takeaway operation will incorporate:

- refusal of service to intoxicated persons
- management practices to mitigate the potential of secondary supply
- refusal of service where harm is suspected – eg: At risk groups.
- cooperation with Police and Licensing NT
- CCTV monitoring
- controlled trading practices
- ongoing staff education
- provision of security services

The business acknowledges the objectives of the Northern Territory Liquor Act and is committed to minimising alcohol-related harm while providing a lawful retail liquor supply service.

Economic Benefits

The proposal is expected to generate:

- support existing employment arrangements
- increased spending within the local community
- greater shopping centre visitation
- increased supplier purchases
- additional government revenue through taxation and licensing



Community Benefits

Benefits include:

- improved convenience for residents
- one-stop hospitality destination
- support for local sporting clubs
- sponsorship opportunities
- local employment
- enhanced retail offering for the rural area

Operations

Staffing

All staff will hold:

- RSA certification
- customer service training
- compliance training

Marketing Strategy

Marketing will focus on:

- existing tavern patrons
- loyalty promotions
- premium product range
- local advertising
- digital marketing
- seasonal promotions
- responsible retail messaging

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Established successful tavern operation
- Strong brand recognition
- Existing customer base
- Experienced management
- Excellent location
- Existing security systems



Weaknesses

- Initial capital expenditure
- Licensing approval process

Opportunities

- Regional population growth
- Increased retail demand
- Premium product offerings
- Tourism growth
- Cross-promotion with tavern

Threats

- Regulatory changes
- Economic downturn
- Increased competition
- Alcohol policy reforms

Financial Overview

The takeaway liquor operation is expected to:

- diversify income streams
- improve overall business viability
- increase customer visitation
- strengthen business resilience

Primary revenue streams:

- packaged beer
- wine
- spirits
- RTDs
- premium products
- seasonal sales

Major expenses include:

- staffing
- stock
- utilities
- insurance
- licensing
- security
- marketing



The business anticipates that the success of the addition of a takeaway liquor service will be evidenced within the first year of operation, by way of sales figures and customer feedback. The additional service will be supported by an established customer base and existing management systems.

Risk Management

Risks are managed through:

- comprehensive insurance
- compliance auditing
- CCTV
- RSA procedures
- staff training
- security policies
- financial controls
- stock management systems

Conclusion

Coolalinga Tavern has demonstrated successful operation as a licensed hospitality venue serving Darwin's rural community. The addition of a takeaway liquor licence represents a logical expansion of an established business that will improve customer convenience, generate employment, strengthen the local economy, and complement existing services.

The proposed operation will be conducted in accordance with the objectives of the Northern Territory Liquor Act, with a strong emphasis on responsible service, community safety, regulatory compliance, and harm minimisation. The business believes the proposal is in the public interest and will provide a positive economic and social benefit to the growing rural community while integrating seamlessly with the existing tavern operation.



Coolalinga Village Tavern Community Impact Analysis

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1 BACKGROUND AND SETTING

1.1 INTRODUCTION

DNS Specialist Services (DNS SS) have been engaged by OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd (the applicant) to prepare an application pursuant to Section 71 of the Liquor Act 2019 to transfer the Stone House Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licence from Northern Wines Pty Ltd to OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd. This application was approved on the 10th of July 2026.

DNS SS have also been engaged by the applicant to prepare two applications to vary a liquor licence and a Substitution application pursuant to Section 75(2) of the Liquor Act, seeking to relocate the Stone House Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licence, from 33 Cavenagh Street, Darwin City to Coolalinga Village Tavern at 425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga NT. As part of this process, DNS SS have been engaged to prepare the accompanying Community Impact Analysis (CIA).

As part of this process, if the applications are favourably considered, the applicant will surrender the Restaurant Bar, BYO and Late-Night Authorities from the Stone House Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licence, retaining the Takeaway Authority.

The applicant has owned and operated the Coolalinga Village Tavern for many years and is now wanting to expand the offerings of their existing established business.

1.2 METHODOLOGY

This comprehensive document has been meticulously compiled through a combination of thorough desktop research and insightful interviews with management. The methodologies applied in this report are explicitly cited throughout and are designed to align with or surpass the guidelines issued by NT Licensing concerning the compilation of a CIA.

Presented by DNS Specialist Services, a distinguished consulting firm specialized in offering services to the hospitality and tourism sectors, this report contains valuable information based on data and findings acquired through diverse research methods and rigorous analysis. In addition to industry insights and operational aspects, this report also includes financial projections that are carefully crafted based on available data and industry trends.

1.3 QUALIFICATION

DNS Specialist Services (DNS SS) is an organization known for its expertise in producing Community Impact Assessment (CIA) reports that are aligned with regulatory requirements. DNS SS has completed a significant number of these reports, demonstrating a strong track record in this specialised field.

Functioning as a preeminent consulting firm, DNS Specialist Services offers a comprehensive array of services thoughtfully customized to cater to the unique needs of the hospitality and tourism sectors. Our extensive client base extends across all Australian States and Territories and

encompasses a diverse spectrum of enterprises, including but not limited to clubs, hotels, casinos, restaurants, cafes and various other hospitality establishments.

Within the realm of Australian gaming and liquor licensing, DNS Specialist Services holds a pivotal role. Year after year, we conscientiously undertake the meticulous preparation of hundreds of licensing applications and associated documents, catering to a wide-ranging assortment of venues. The active engagement of our DNS team in the intricacies of operations licensing consistently culminates in successful outcomes that accrue benefits not only to the venues we support but also to the communities they serve.

At the helm of DNS Specialist Services stands Danny Nixon-Smith, our accomplished Managing Director, celebrated for his illustrious 30-year career. Danny's professional trajectory encompasses significant leadership roles in both large and medium-sized venues, endowing DNS Specialist Services with invaluable hands-on expertise in Club Management. His proficiency extends from the oversight of daily operations to the formulation of strategic, long-term plans, thereby broadening the spectrum and enhancing the value of the services we provide. In addition to his roles within the organisation, Danny actively participates on several government boards dedicated to addressing harm minimisation and shaping strategic directions for alcohol and gambling.

1.4 ABBREVIATIONS & TERMINOLOGY

The following is a list of abbreviations and terminology used throughout this report.

Figure 1.1 – Abbreviations & Terminology	
ABBREVIATION	DESCRIPTION
AAG	Average Annual Growth Rate
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
BDR	Banned Drinkers Register
CVT	Coolalinga Village Tavern
IRSAD	Index of Relative Socio-economic Advantage and Disadvantage
IRSD	Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage
IER	Index of Economic Resources
IEO	Index of Education and Occupation
LCA	Local Catchment Area
LGA	Local Government Area
LL	Liquor Licence
NT	Northern Territory
TCA	Tourism Central Australia

2 SUMMARY

DNS Specialist Services (DNS SS) has been commissioned by the applicant to prepare an application for a substitution of a liquor licence from Darwin City to Coolalinga, including the accompanying Community Impact Analysis (CIA). As part of the application, the licensee will surrender the Restaurant Bar, BYO and Late-Night authorities attached to the Stone House Wine and Kitchen licence but will retain the Takeaway Authority.

The applicant has transferred the Stone House Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licence from Northern Wines Pty Ltd to OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd which was approved on the 10th of July 2026 by NT Licensing.

2.1 KEY FINDINGS

The proposal is supported by the following factors:

- ... The addition of a Takeaway Authority has the potential to increase convenience and provide additional options for local patrons.
- ... The local demographic most likely to attend the venue on a regular basis is characterised by several demographic factors which include socio-economic advantages, higher levels of education and income and low unemployment.
- ... It is expected that a high percentage of patrons purchasing takeaway alcohol, will be patrons utilising the other facilities at the premises.
- ... The local area is densely populated compared to wider benchmarks and is projected to grow at a significant rate over the coming decades, providing the potential for increased demand for various facilities and service offerings.
- ... There are several mitigating factors which would limit the potential for adverse impacts to the surrounding community if approved – please refer to Section 5 of this report for further information.
- ... The economic benefit of supporting locally owned and operated hospitality venues contributes positively to the community.
- ... The addition of the Takeaway Authority will assist the licensee in maintaining a viable business and also provide the opportunity to grow his business and offer an additional service to the community.
- ... Maintaining a viable business will allow the licensee to continue to support the local community as they currently do.
- ... Takeaway liquor sold from licensed premises, particularly where it is dispensed 'over the bar' by RSA-trained staff, is subject to strong oversight as a larger percentage of the patrons utilising the service will have been on-site partaking of the venue's other offerings and will have been subject to on-site RSA practices.
- ... Good RSA processes contribute to a safer environment.
- ... Coolalinga is a growing regional centre and serves a diverse population across both rural and suburban areas.

- ... The business operations of the proposed licensed premises will remain fundamentally unchanged following the transfer of the licence and the addition of the Takeaway Authority.
- ... Management intends to retain the same operational policies and procedures that have successfully guided the venue's responsible service of alcohol and community engagement for the last eight years.
- ... The applicant is a well-known experienced operator and has managed the Coolalinga Tavern since the Liquor Licence became operational in 2018.
- ... The addition of a Takeaway Liquor Authority will not shift the venue's focus or core identity.
- ... Although the addition of a takeaway authority will result in an increase in the amount of liquor sold, it will be done in a safe manner with policies and procedures in place to mitigate any potential adverse impacts on the community.
- ... The licensee will ensure that staff comply with the BDR requirements when supplying takeaway liquor which assists in mitigating the potential harm that can arise from liquor supplied for consumption off-premise.
- ... The enhanced powers provided to Police in 2023 relating to the BDR supports the process and intended strategy of the program and assists in mitigating the potential harmful effects that can arise from the sale of takeaway liquor. The licensee's continued compliance with this legislation will maintain the positive outcomes of the BDR.
- ... The applicant does not believe that the sale of takeaway liquor 'over the bar' will contribute to unlawful activities such as 'grog running'.
- ... The proposal to have over the bar takeaway liquor sales will be a less intense operation and not a high-volume sales process that would occur with a separate drive through and/or bottle shop operation. The proposal is a 'value add' to the existing services provided by the licensee.
- ... The Community Consultation process was completed during June/July 2026, with the majority of the community consultations being positive and in support of the application. For additional details of the process undertaken and responses, please refer to section 6 of this report.
- ... Pursuant to Schedule 3 of the NT Liquor Regulations 2019, the premise will be seeking approval to operate the takeaway authority on a Sunday as the authority will accompany the Coolalinga Tavern liquor licence which holds a Public Bar and Late-Night authority.
- ... The closest takeaway outlet that is attached to a licensed venue and offers Sunday trading is the Howard Springs Tavern which is located approx. 3km away from the subject premise. Therefore, the transfer and substitution of this authority will provide an additional option to the community that is not currently available in the local area and provide a convenience to the community.
- ... Allowing the licensed premise to offer takeaway liquor creates a controlled and regulated option for residents who prefer to purchase alcohol in smaller quantities, from familiar, locally owned and operated establishments. Additionally, the benefit of supporting locally owned and operated hospitality venues contributes to a positive community feeling. This comment is supported by the community consultations that were undertaken as part of this application with respondents noting they would rather support a local business instead of 'larger chain operations' – see section 6 for additional details.

3 VENUE OVERVIEW

3.1 INTRODUCTION

This section of the CIA provides background information pertaining to the premises and management of the venue.

3.2 GENERAL INFORMATION

The following table outlines required applicant information relating to the submission of an application for a substitution of liquor licensed premise.

Figure 3.1 – Applicant Information	
Applicant	OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd
Trading as	Coolalinga Village Tavern
Premises Location	425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga NT
Liquor Licence Number	FLL1048
Authorities	Public Bar, Late Night
Proposed Authorities	Takeaway
Trading Hours – On-Premise consumption	Sunday-Thursday 10am-11:59pm Friday-Saturday 10am-2am
Trading Hours – Proposed Takeaway Authority	Monday to Sunday and Public Holidays inclusive 10:00 and 22:00; No trading on Good Friday or Christmas Day.
Source: Applicant	

The applicant has lodged a Substitution application which will see the Stone House Wine and Bar liquor licence relocated to 425 Stuart Highway. As per direction from NT Licensing, the applicant is seeking to trade the two separate licences (Coolalinga Tavern and Stonehouse) over the one premise, with specific conditions endorsed on the licenses to ensure that the entity responsible for compliance is clearly identified, refer to section 3.3.

The licensee is applying to trade the Takeaway Authority on Monday to Sundays, from 10:00 to 22:00 with no trading on Good Friday or Christmas Day which is in line with the current trading hours imposed on the Stone House Wine and Bar Liquor Licence.

During consultation with NT Licensing, and as per Schedule 3 of the NT Liquor Regulations 2019, the premise is permitted to trade on a Sunday. Although the Takeaway Authority will not be operated on the same licence, it will be operated within the Coolalinga Tavern with the Tavern liquor licence being the “parent” licence.

3.3 CONDITIONS / AUTHORITIES

Once the application has been successfully substituted to 425 Stuart Highway, the Restaurant Bar, Late Night and BYO authorities on the Stone House Wine and Bar liquor licence will be surrendered, pursuant to Section 75(2) of the *Liquor Act NT 2019* (The Act).

Further to the above, Section 75(2A) (a) of the Act states that “*to avoid doubt, the Commission may, under subsection (2): impose conditions on the substitution*”. In line with this and as part of this process, once the Takeaway Authority has been successfully substituted, the applicant proposes that a condition should be added to the Coolalinga Village Tavern and the Stonehouse Wine and Bar liquor licences stating that if a breach of the Act occurs, both liquor licences are able to be held accountable. This action will provide the Licensing Commission with certainty regarding who and which entity is liable for maintaining compliance.

The licensee is aware of the potential consequences of takeaway sales of liquor being provided to at-risk groups such as dry communities. While the proposed model is not targeted to attract customers that live in alcohol restricted communities, the licensee is willing to accept that the Liquor Commission may wish to consider endorsing a specific condition on the licenses to address this issue.

It may be that the Liquor Commission may endorse a specific condition which states that takeaway liquor sales cannot be made to persons whose identity document/drivers licence indicates that they are a resident in ‘specified communities’. These ‘specified communities’ would have to be determined with Licensing NT and the Licensing Commission.

3.4 LOCATION

The map below shows the location of Coolalinga Village Tavern

Figure 3.2 – Location and Immediate Surroundings



Source: Nearmap May 2026

- ... Coolalinga Village Tavern was established in 2018 and is located 20 minutes from Darwin City.
- ... It is one of the newest additions to the Top End's ever expanding rural areas and it offers modern pub food in a relaxed and casual setting while featuring a range of entertainment options including but not limited to gaming facilities, TAB and Keno.

- ... Coolalinga Village Tavern is located beside the Coolalinga Central Shopping Centre, a modern shopping amenity only recently constructed, opened in 2017.
- ... The centre has a prominent location with it being on the Stuart Highway providing easy access for members of the local community and visitors to the area.

3.5 VENUE OPERATIONS

The below table outlines the current operations and facilities and outlines the operations once the substitution is completed.

Figure 3.3 – Venue Operations and Facility Mix

Food and Beverage	○ Lunch from 11:30am-5pm 7 days a week ○ Menu offerings include Salads, Steaks, Burgers, and pub style mains. ○ Kids meals, Gluten Free options and Vegetarian options available. ○ Dinner from 5pm-9pm 7 days a week ○ Many specials including steak nights, schnitzel nights, and roast nights. ○ Desserts including in-house baked pastry. ○ Bar with alcoholic and non-alcoholic options. ○ Alfresco area, Bistro, and Beer Garden. ○ Takeaway alcohol available from over the Bar (proposed)
Gaming	○ Gaming Room with 20 EGMs
Other Facilities and Services	○ Functions ○ Live entertainment ○ Trivia nights ○ Live sports streaming ○ Keno
Source: Applicant	

3.6 TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN IMPACTS

Figure 3.4 – Parking facilities in the surrounding area



Source: Nearmap May 2026

- ... There are significant parking facilities in the immediate vicinity of the tavern with additional parking available beside the premises, at the shopping centre, as such it is not anticipated that there will be any additional significant demand for parking facilities, should the subject application be approved.
- ... The addition of takeaway alcohol sales is not likely to have an impact on parking as the sale/supply will only be available from the bar areas inside the tavern, and it is anticipated that the majority of the takeaway purchases will be made by patrons already utilising the venues facilities or the immediate local community.

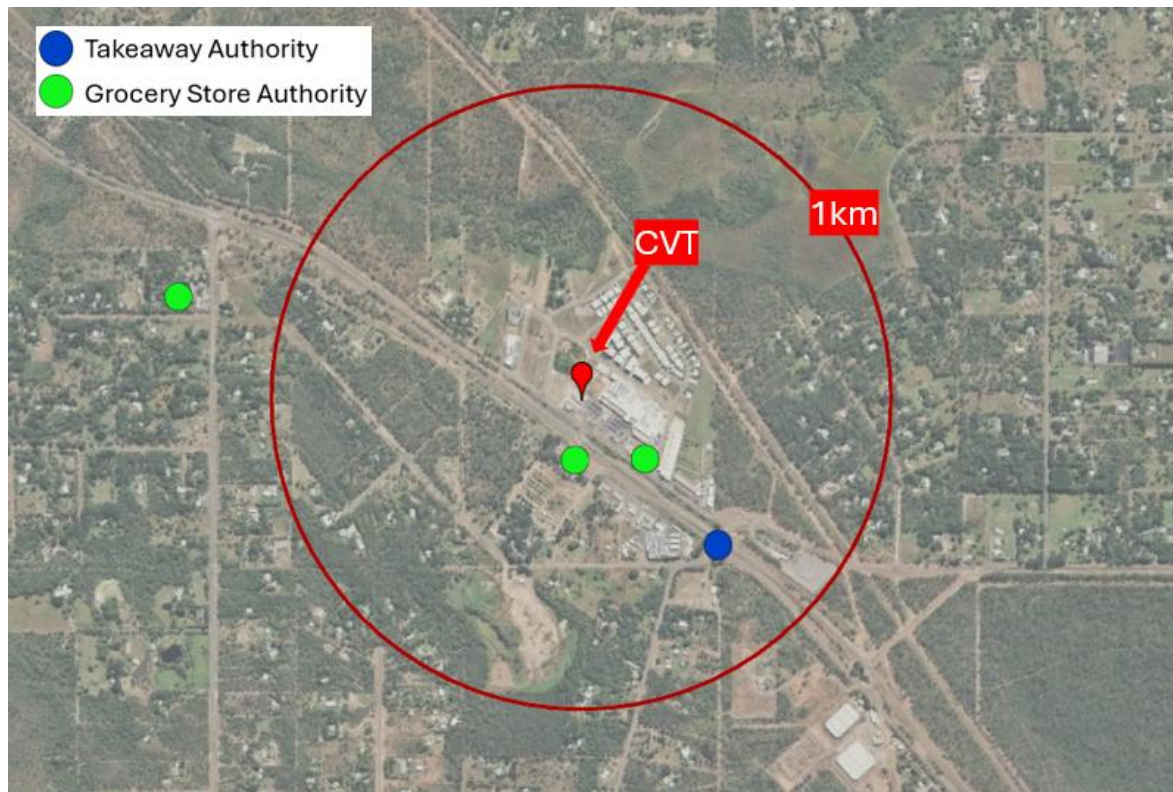
3.7 DENSITY OF LICENSED PREMISES

In terms of density of licensed premises, the proposed transfer and substitution of premise will have little impact, as all authorities at the venue remain the same, apart from the addition of the Takeaway Authority.

The application will result in a decrease of licensed premises within the Darwin City area with the Restaurant Bar, BYO and Late-Night authority, for Stone House Wine and Kitchen, 33 Cavenagh Street, Darwin City, being surrendered.

The below image highlights all of the liquor licensed venues that trade a Takeaway Authority or Grocery Store Authority within 1km of the subject site.

Figure 3.5 – Density of Licensed Premises (1km)



Source: DNS SS, NT Licensing & Google Earth

- ... There are three licensed premises within 1km of the subject venue that hold a Takeaway or Grocery Store Authority which permits the sale of alcohol for off-premises consumption. The Grocery Store authorities include United Coolalinga and Liquorland Coolalinga, and the Takeaway authority includes BWS – Coolalinga.
- ... It is acknowledged that the outlets are within 1km which is recognised as “immediate area”, however two of them are separated (from the subject site) by the Stuart Highway (on the opposing side of the highway) with the Liquorland site being located within the Coolalinga shopping centre.
- ... Two of the takeaway outlets are located in distinct shopping centres with the other attached to a fuel station. Together these outlets form a central retail hub for residents who have few other options for necessities such as postage, grocery store, and general home purchases.
- ... The Takeaway Authority for this application at Coolalinga Tavern, as part of the Substitution application, will allow for sales from the existing bar areas and enables staff at the tavern to monitor the behaviour of patrons, who are utilising the Tavern facilities, prior to them purchasing liquor for consumption off the premises.
- ... This provides an advantage to the staff as they will be to make a more informed decision for those takeaway purchases.
- ... It is noted that although the business proposal suggests that the majority of patrons that purchase takeaway liquor will be customers already utilising services at the premise, there is still the option for other persons to purchase alcohol without utilising the venue services, and

staff will be trained to identify potential risks associated with these sales, including the risk of 'grog running'.

... In addition, the venue will comply with the requirements of the Banned Drinking Register (BDR).

It is noted that takeaway outlets cannot trade on a Sunday unless they are attached to a venue with another authority (pursuant to Schedule 3 of the NT Liquor Regulations 2019). As such, the premise will be seeking approval to operate the takeaway authority on a Sunday as the authority will be operated in conjunction with the Coolalinga Tavern liquor licence which holds a Public Bar and Late-Night authority. As per conversation with NT Licensing, the Coolalinga Tavern will be the "parent" licence with the Stone House Wine and Bar Licence already being approved for Sunday trading.

As referenced above, the takeaway outlets that are within 1km of the premise, are not attached to a licensed premise with other authorities and therefore none of these will be open for Sunday trading. The closest takeaway outlet that is attached to a licensed venue with other authorities that also offers Sunday trading is the Howard Springs Tavern which is located approx. 3km away from the subject premise. Therefore, the Transfer and Substitution of this Takeaway Authority will provide an additional service option to the community that is not currently available in the local area.

The distance has been calculated using google maps, from the Coolalinga Tavern to each location.

Figure 3.6 – List of Takeaway Outlets Within 3km

Venue Name	Trading Hours	Authorities	Venue Address	Approx. Distance
BWS Coolalinga	Monday to Friday 10am-10pm Saturday and PH 9am-10pm No trading Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day	Takeaway	Cnr Stuart Highway and Henning Road Coolalinga NT 0835 Australia	As the crow flies – 500m Driving – 950m
Liquorland Coolalinga	Monday to Friday 10am-10pm Saturday and PH 9am-10pm No trading Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day	Grocery Store	425 Stuart Highway Coolalinga NT 0839 Australia	As the crow flies – 100m Driving – 650m
United Coolalinga	Monday to Friday 10am-10pm Saturday and PH 9am-10pm No trading Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day	Grcoery Store	Lot 2, 420 Stuart Highway Coolalinga NT 0811 Australia	As the crow flies – 200m Driving – 1.6km

Virginia Store	Monday to Friday 10am-10pm Saturday and PH 9am-10pm No trading Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day	Grocery Store	Shop 1, 30 Virginia Road Virginia NT 0811 Australia	As the crow flies – 1.2km Driving – 3.1km
Howard Springs Tavern	Sunday to Friday 10am-10pm Saturday and PH 9am-10pm No Trading Good Friday or Christmas Day	Restaurant Bar, Takeaway, Public Bar, Late Night, Adult Entertainment R- Rated	280 Whitewood Road Howard Springs NT 0835 Australia	As the crow flies – 2.7km Driving – 7.2km
Howard Springs Supermarket	Monday to Friday 10am-10pm Saturday and PH 9am-10pm No trading Sunday, Good Friday or Christmas Day	Grocery Store	284 Whitewood Road Howard Springs NT 0835 Australia	As the crow flies – 2.7km Driving – 7km
Source: Licensing NT & Google Earth				

3.8 DENSITY VS POPULATION – SURROUNDING SA2S

When assessing the current density of takeaway/grocery authorities in the subject area/community, we have compared this information to the three (3) neighbouring SA2 areas to provide some practical and localised comparisons. Please refer to figures 3.7 and 3.8, in the following pages which show the relevant areas. We have also provided an additional comparison, refer to figure 3.9, which shows the density of outlets among areas of similar a nature eg: communities that include shopping 'hubs'.

In order to determine the density of takeaway/grocery authorities in each SA2, the total number of authorities was calculated from the NT Licence Lookup website and were divided by the total population of that area.

Figure 3.7 –Density Vs Population – Surrounding SA2s

Catchment Area	Total Population (2021)	Takeaway Outlets	Density (%)
Virginia SA2	3,197	4	0.13%
Howard Springs SA2	5,100	2	0.04%
Palmerston South SA2	6,451	1	0.02%
Humpty Doo SA2	8,387	4	0.05%

Source: ABS Census 2021, NT Licence Lookup & DNSSS

- ... The proposed venue is located in the Virginia SA2; however, it is noted that it is very close to the border of the Howard Springs SA2.
- ... Should the subject application be favourably considered, the number of takeaway outlets in the Virginia SA2 will increase to 5, with a consequent increase in density from 0.13% to 0.16%.
- ... It should be noted that if the proposed application is approved, the licensee will operate the Takeaway Authority from 'over the bar' which allows the licensee and staff to have greater control and greater scrutiny over the purchase of alcohol and helps mitigate the potential of "grog running". It also provides staff with the ability to measure the patron's intoxication levels until the moment they intend to purchase the liquor for consumption off site.
- ... It is anticipated that the majority of people purchasing liquor for consumption off the premises will be existing patrons of the premises and/or from the local community.
- ... It is noted that customers may utilise the takeaway alcohol without utilising the other services of the premise, however due to the consistency and stability of staff that work at the Coolalinga Tavern, along with staff being trained to identify potential 'at-risk' sales the licensee believes the risk of matters such as 'grog running' and supplies to at-risk groups, can be effectively mitigated.
- ... It is noted that the density for the subject SA2 is slightly higher than the comparison areas however it is important to note that the applicant has a good trading history with effective policies and procedures in place. This will remain the case if the subject application is approved
- ... The applicant will ensure that all staff are trained in the BDR and other RSA requirements.

3.9 DENSITY VS POPULATION – SIMILAR SA2S

When assessing the current density of takeaway/grocery authorities in the subject area/community, we have compared this information to the four (4) SA2 areas that have been identified to have a similar population density. In addition to figure 3.7, this allows an extra comparison to areas of similar population to provide some more practical comparisons.

In order to determine the density of takeaway/grocery authorities in each SA2, the total number of authorities was calculated from the NT Licence Lookup website and were divided by the total population of that area.

Figure 3.8 –Density Vs Population – Similar SA2s				
Catchment Area	Total Population (2021)	Population Density (per km ²)	Takeaway Outlets	Density (%)
Berrimah SA2	1,712	56.58	2	0.12%
Howard Springs SA2	5,100	43.21	2	0.04%
Humpty Doo SA2	8,387	53.28	4	0.05%
Tennant Creek SA2	3,080	73.23	5	0.16%
Virginia SA2	3,197	58.41	4	0.13%

Source: ABS Census 2021, NT Licence Lookup & DNSSS

- ... When comparing the population density per Km², it is noted that Berrimah is the closest to the subject SA2 of Virginia.
- ... When assessing the density of takeaway outlets against the population, it is evident that three of the five SA2s have a similar density to one another.

3.10 DENSITY VS POPULATION – ‘SERVICE HUBS’

When assessing the current density of takeaway/grocery authorities in the subject area, we have compared this information to areas that have a similar ‘nature’, that is, they act as a ‘service hub’ for the surrounding areas – a ‘shopping hub’ where people from surrounding areas (outside the immediate SA2 area) come to for convenience. In addition to figure 3.7 and 3.8, this data provides and additional basis for comparison, when considering ‘density’ of outlets.

In order to determine the density of takeaway/grocery authorities in each SA2, the total number of authorities was calculated from the NT Licence Lookup website and were divided by the total population of that area.

Figure 3.9 – Density Vs Population – Service Hubs

Catchment Area	Total Population (2021)	Population Density (per km ²)	Takeaway Outlets	Density (%)
Daly SA2	1890	0.1	4	0.21%
Brinkin - Nakara SA2	3430	1276.9	5	0.15%
Palmerston - North SA2	4456	935.1	6	0.13%
Virginia SA2	3,197	58.41	4	0.13%

Source: ABS Census 2021, NT Licence Lookup & DNSSS

- ... When assessing the density of takeaway outlets against the population, it is evident that areas of similar style, being ‘service hubs’, have a similar density of outlets, specifically the Daly SA2 (0.21%) which includes the Batchelor town centre, Palmerston North (0.13%) which includes the Palmerston Town Centre and the Brinkin – Nakara SA2 (0.15%) which includes the Casuarina town centre.
- ... If the additional takeaway outlet were to be approved, the density would increase to 0.16%.
- ... It is not evident that the additional outlet, if approved, would be out of the ordinary for areas of similar environment, being the ‘hub’ for services.

3.11 BUSINESS PLAN

Below we have provided a summary of the venues business plan which is in alignment with the current application.

Coolalinga Tavern is an established hospitality venue servicing the rapidly growing rural corridor between Darwin and Palmerston. The business currently provides:

- ... Family dining
- ... Public bar
- ... Gaming
- ... TAB facilities
- ... Entertainment

The tavern has developed a strong customer base and is recognised as one of the major hospitality venues within the Litchfield municipality.

This business plan supports the addition of a takeaway liquor operation that complements—not replaces—the existing tavern business.

The proposed additional takeaway liquor offering would:

- ... improve customer convenience
- ... meet growing local demand
- ... support local economic growth
- ... assist in stabilising employment arrangements
- ... reduce unnecessary travel for patrons wishing to access takeaway liquor services.
- ... operate under industry-leading responsible service and harm minimisation practices.

Coolalinga Tavern has demonstrated the successful operation of a licensed hospitality venue serving Darwin's rural community. The addition of a takeaway liquor licence represents a logical expansion of an established business that will improve customer convenience, generate employment, strengthen the local economy, and complement existing services.

The proposed operation will be conducted in accordance with the objectives of the Northern Territory Liquor Act, with a strong emphasis on responsible service, community safety, regulatory compliance, and harm minimisation. The business believes the proposal is in the public interest and will provide a positive economic and social benefit to the growing rural community while integrating seamlessly with the existing tavern operations.

For the full version of the business plan, please refer to the document attached to this application.

4 LOCAL COMMUNITY AREA PROFILE

4.1 BACKGROUND

Coolalinga is an outer suburban area in Darwin located approximately 29 kilometres southeast of central Darwin and 10 kilometres southeast of Palmerston in the Litchfield Municipality. The area is a major service centre for the outer rural Litchfield Shire and is a growing commercial hub. The growth of the area is evidenced by the population, the Litchfield Shire population is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 1.78% over the 2016-2036 period, a rate 64% higher than the 1.09% projected for the Northern Territory generally.

4.2 DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW

The demographics of the LCA show a catchment which has greater proportions of higher income households and individuals, higher rates of employment, and significantly higher rates of socio-economic advantage than the Territory. The LCA also exhibits an on-par proportion of Indigenous Australians, a demographic which has been consistently academically demonstrated to be at high risk of experiencing alcohol related harm. Whilst the primary catchment of the LCA is significantly lower in this metric.

The "SA2 Comparison" indicates that the Virginia SA2 (the area in which the subject venue is located) has an older population with their education level being "on par" with the compared SA2s. The Virginia area has an indigenous population in line with the Humpty Doo and Palmerston South SA2s with the Howard Springs SA2 having a much larger percentage of indigenous persons. Couple families are predominant in the Virginia area with the population having a medium household income and a relatively "spread out" personal income. As well as this, the Virginia area and the surrounding SA2s, have the most advantaged socio economical area.

4.2.1 CRIME

As previously advised, the venue is located in the SA2 of Virginia and in the comparison (See attached Appendix 1) we have used the surrounding SA2s of Humpty Doo and Howard Springs due to those statistical areas having a similar population density per km².

It is also important to note that no Coolalinga Specific data is available to the public and as such, SA2 data has been utilised for the purposes of assessment.

The Virginia SA2 had a total crime number of 250 offences in 2025, 26 of these had no alcohol involved, 11 of these were recorded to have alcohol involved, and the remaining 213 offences did not have alcohol involvement recorded due to it being unknown or irrelevant.

When comparing this to areas of similar density in terms of population, it is shown that Virginia has a lower number of crime offences compared to Howard Springs (total of 530) and a slightly higher amount than Humpty Doo (total of 232).

Howard Springs has a total of 530 recorded crime offences, 264 of these had no alcohol involved, 8 had alcohol involved and the remaining 258 offences did not have alcohol involvement recorded due to it being unknown or irrelevant.

Humpty Doo had a total of 232 recorded offences, 47 of these had no alcohol involved, 19 had alcohol involved and the remaining 166 offences did not have alcohol involvement recorded due to it being unknown or irrelevant.

When comparing the above three SA2 figures for crime, it is identified that only a small portion of incidents have alcohol involvement (refer to the attached appendix).

As per section 1.12.2 in the attached Appendix, we have then compared the three SA2's to show the comparison of alcohol vs no alcohol involvement across a 5–6-year span, 2020 to 2026. This data shows that “no alcohol involved” contributes to a higher percentage of the total crime than “alcohol involved” does. It is also shown that in Howard Springs, crime rates have increased with no alcohol involved and decreased for alcohol involved and when comparing this to Humpty Doo, this has decreased slightly for both categories. In the Virginia SA2, crime has remained steady with lower figures when compared to the other areas.

We have assessed crime figures against the population of each SA2 and have used the same comparison areas as above:

- ... In the Howard Springs SA2, there is a total crime figure of 530 with a total population of 5,100 therefore crime has potentially impacted 10% of the total population in that area.
- ... In the Humpty Doo SA2, there is a total crime figure of 232 with a total population of 8,387 therefore crime has potentially impacted 3% of the total population in that area.
- ... In the Virginia SA2, there is a total crime figure of 250 with a total population of 3,197 therefore crime has potentially impacted 8% of the total population in that area.

It is important to note that the above population figures have been taken from the latest census data in 2021 as the next census data is not due to be released until late 2026.

As shown in section 1.12.3 of the attached appendix, Virginia has a much lower population compared to the other areas with a similar percentage of crime.

Overall, it is evident that the Virginia area has a lower crime figure with alcohol involvement and an on-par total figure over the last 5 years and after comparison to areas of a similar nature regarding population density (km²), it is evident that crime statistics are lower than one, and slightly higher than the other.

When assessing all data available, to us, from NT Police and NT Government, we believe it shows that the Coolalinga area does not have a higher level of crime when compared to other similar areas and cannot be deemed to have a higher profile of antisocial behaviour or alcohol related incidents than these comparison areas.

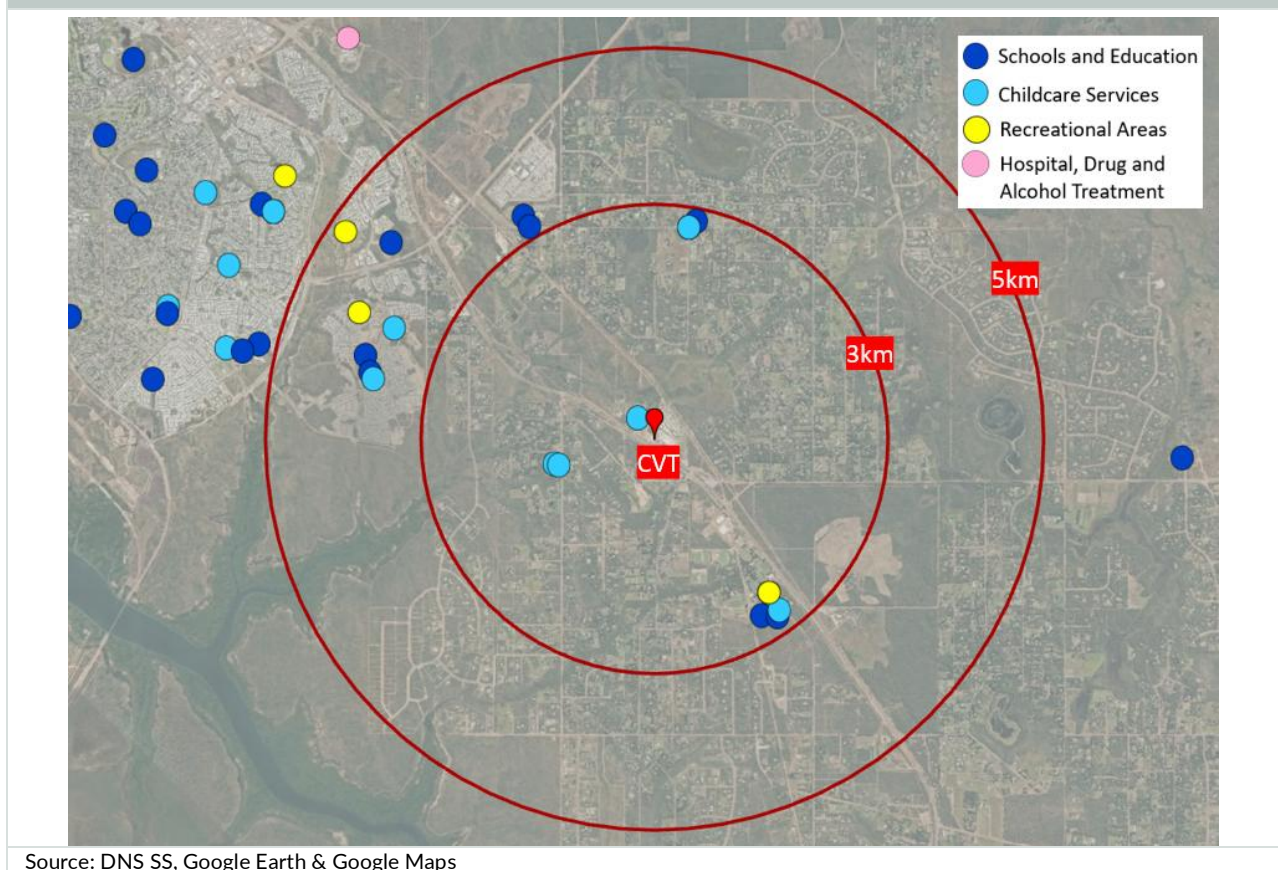
5 SOCIAL IMPACTS

This section examines the LCA in terms of the sites or facilities that could potentially be adversely impacted as a result of the favourable consideration of the subject applications. It also examines the concentration of venues of a similar nature in the LCA.

5.1 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Community facilities include schools and education institutions, hospitals, drug and alcohol treatment centres, accommodation or refuges for young or disadvantaged people, childcare centres, recreational areas, dry areas, and any other area where young people may congregate or be attached to.

Figure 5.1 – Community Facilities within 5km



- ... There is one defined community facility within 1km of the venue, which is the Maniltoa Childcare Centre, also located within the Coolalinga Village Shopping Centre where CVT is located.
- ... Within 3km of the venue, there are childcare services, schools, and a recreational area, however the majority of these facilities are located outside of the 3km radius.
- ... The nearby childcare centre operates from 7am to 6pm on weekdays only. The potential for adverse impact on the childcare centre is mitigated by the harm minimisation practices implemented by the applicant, as outlined in this report, as well as the history of trading of the

existing tavern, which shows that it does not disturb or adversely impact the facility's operations.

It is noted that there are Indigenous Communities in the local area, such as the 16-mile Community, which the NT Commissioner has previously made comments about, in relation to alcohol related harm for these at-risk groups. The licensee has confirmed that the bar staff will be trained to identify the addresses of these at-risk communities and if the patron trying to purchase takeaway alcohol is identified to be from an area of risk, they will refuse service of alcohol. The licensee has also referred to this matter at Section 3.3 of this report and provided comment for consideration by the Director of Licensing and The Liquor Commission.

We would restate that it is the licensee's intention to continue providing alcohol in a safe and controlled manner and with their strong policies and procedures and their known compliant trading history, the licensee believes this can be done with no additional adverse impacts on the community.

5.2 HARM MINIMISATION POLICIES

The licensee has prepared a PIC detailing Harm Minimisation practices and procedures to assist them in providing a safe environment in and around the venue and a copy of this document has been provided with the application documents.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of harm minimisation practices which are already implemented at the venue, and these will continue to be utilised should the Takeaway Authority be approved:

- ... All staff currently involved in the sale or supply of liquor are RSA trained. However, this training will be upgraded to provide additional training specific to the supply of liquor from a takeaway point of view, for off-premises consumption.
- ... Areas of at-risk communities or groups will be identified to assist staff in ensuring that takeaway liquor sales are not made to persons living in these areas.
- ... Staff undergo refresher RSA training in line with requirements.
- ... The licensee will utilise the BDR system to assist in ensuring liquor is not supplied to those persons already identified as 'at risk'.
- ... Patron's levels of intoxication will be assessed prior to them being supplied or sold liquor.
- ... The licensee will ensure that they do not display advertising or promotional material that could be interpreted as being offensive, excessive, or inconsistent with the nature of the premises.
- ... Liquor will only be supplied in proper liquor vessels.
- ... CCTV is already installed at the premises and will continue to be operated in accordance with any condition endorsed on the licence.
- ... The licensee will provide a range of non-alcoholic and light or low strength alcoholic beverages for purchase.
- ... Staff will always communicate in a respectful and non-confrontational manner when interacting with patrons.
- ... If staff believe that a patron is showing signs of being quarrelsome or disorderly, then the patron will be refused any further service of alcohol, for takeaway and onsite consumption.

- ... Staff will monitor the premises to ensure that individuals over the age of 18 years are not supplying liquor to minors or 'at risk' or banned patrons. Persons found to be purchasing liquor for minors, or 'at risk, or banned patrons will be refused further service and requested to leave the premises and the incident will be referred to the Police.
- ... The licensee will take all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment in and around the premises, by employing good RSA practices and thus mitigating the potential for an adverse impact on the local neighbourhood.

5.3 BUSINESS OPERATION

The business operations of the licensed premises, with the addition of the takeaway authority, will remain fundamentally unchanged following the approval of the transfer/substitution applications. The venue will continue to operate under its existing model, providing bar service, on-site consumption of liquor, and food offerings consistent with its current format, staffing arrangements, patron capacity, and style of service. The premises will continue to trade the hours of operation currently approved for the Coolalinga Tavern.

The applicant will continue to operate the same policies and procedures that have guided the venue's responsible service of alcohol and community engagement since its establishment. The day-to-day functioning of the venue, including entertainment, customer service, and security practices, will remain consistent with previous operations. Staff currently employed at the venue will remain in place, and any new team members will be trained to uphold the same standards that are currently delivered by management and staff.

The addition of a Takeaway Liquor Authority will not shift the venue's focus or core identity. Instead, it will serve as a supplementary service offering, designed to meet customer demand in a controlled and low-risk manner. All takeaway sales will occur over the bar, under the supervision of RSA-certified staff, ensuring continuity with the current service model. In this respect, the overall business model, including its ethos, customer base, and operational practices, will remain stable, with no anticipated increase in patron disturbance or community impact.

Keeping stock behind the bar/counter area maintains strict access control, encourages staff-customer engagement and also actively mitigates potential shrinkage.

When considering the specific issue of 'grog running', we would submit that with sales of takeaway alcohol being 'over the bar', the licensee can have better 'oversight' over the service and provision of alcohol in this manner. If a patron enters the premise and wants to purchase a large volume of liquor, staff will be trained to make the 'judgement call' and ask the necessary questions and if necessary, refuse service. It is important to note that the Coolalinga Village Tavern do not have a high staff turnover and most staff at the tavern are long term, loyal members. This creates an environment where staff are able to recognise the usual clientele and the regularity and frequency of patrons that visit for takeaway liquor service. The licensee believes that the risk of 'grog running' is low, given the above facts, and will ensure all staff are aware of the potential for this activity and how to recognise and mitigate the situation should it arise.

It is not believed that tourism will be negatively impacted by the proposed additional service at the premise. The applicant has confirmed that there are tourists/travellers that visit the premise and stop for a meal or a break in their journey through Coolalinga. It is anticipated that a percentage of these tourists could use and benefit from the availability of a Takeaway Liquor service, allowing them to purchase alcohol to take away from the premise and enjoy at their temporary accommodation facility or later in their journey.

The applicant is committed to providing a licensed venue that is compliant with the *Liquor Act 2019* and focuses on providing a safe environment for the community, its patrons and staff.

It is acknowledged that in 2021, the venue was the subject of disciplinary action as a result of a breach of a Licence condition that occurred in 2020. This non-compliant activity related to the nature of the entertainment being provided at the premise and was not related to the sale or consumption of liquor. The licensee was ordered to pay a monetary penalty and no other sanction was imposed. The licensee later made an application to vary the liquor licence, to have the entertainment conditions changed, and this application was approved. Since this incident, the licensee has not been the subject of any further disciplinary action.

The addition of the Takeaway Authority will allow for the applicant's business to grow and provide additional services to its local patrons as well as visitors to the area and the passing tourist trade.

5.4 PUBLIC INTEREST / SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT

As per the Liquor Act 2019 Section 49 subsection 2 to determine whether issuing a licence or an authority is in the public interest the commission must consider whether approval would advance the following:

- a) minimising the harm or ill-health caused to people, or a group of people, by the consumption of liquor
- b) ensuring liquor is sold, supplied, served and consumed on or in licensed premises in a responsible manner
- c) safeguarding public order and safety, particularly when large numbers of people would be attracted to licensed premises or an area adjacent to those premises
- d) protecting the safety, health and welfare of people who use licensed premises
- e) increasing cultural, recreational, employment or tourism benefits for the local community area
- f) promoting compliance with the Act and other relevant laws of the Territory
- g) ensuring each person involved in the business conducted at licensed premises receives training suitable to the person's role in the business
- h) preventing the giving of credit in sales of liquor to people
- i) preventing practices that encourage irresponsible drinking
- j) reducing or limiting increases in anti-social behaviour.

To determine whether issuing a licence or an authority would have a significant adverse impact on the community, the Commission must consider the following:

- a) the risk of undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to persons who reside or work in the vicinity of the proposed licensed premises or who are using, or travelling to or from, a place of public worship, a hospital or a school

- b) the geographic area that would be affected
- c) the risk of harm from the excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor
- d) the people or community who would be affected
- e) the effect on culture, recreation, employment, and tourism
- f) the effect on social amenities and public health
- g) the ratio of existing liquor licences and authorities in the community to the population of the community
- h) the effect of the volume of liquor sales on the community
- i) the community impact assessment guidelines issued under section 50
- j) any other matter prescribed by regulation.

5.4.1 PUBLIC INTEREST OBJECTIVES

- ... As identified in Section 3.7 of this report, there are three takeaway licences in the nearby area to the subject premise, which include the Liquorland Coolalinga being situated within the nearby shopping centre and the United Service Station Coolalinga and BWS Coolalinga being located across the other side of the Stuart highway.
- ... In the current competitive landscape, shoppers who have both grocery and takeaway alcohol requirements, are potentially incentivised to attend the Coles owned brand as the other alternative options are located across the Stuart Highway. As such, this application would provide the community with an option to support a local business. The desire to shop at, and support a locally owned and operated business were some of the comments provided by people who participated in the Community Consultation survey undertaken as part of this application process.
- ... The success of the application will provide benefit to the community through increasing choice and options in both the takeaway alcohol facilities as well as grocery and service station markets, as patrons are provided with the same set of retail options from competing brands and providing more customer choice in where they do their shopping.
- ... The subject Takeaway Authority is located in Darwin City, and the favourable consideration of the subject applications will result in the removal of this licensed premises including the late-night authority, which may possibly be regarded by some, as a positive outcome for that region.
- ... The proposition to relocate the licence and Takeaway Authority in the subject area of Coolalinga, is considered to be a practical and logical request, as the venue is already licensed and services the local community and the unneeded Authorities will be surrendered.

If approved, the applicant intends to supply liquor for off-premises consumption from their bar area which allows for their existing staff, who are already experienced in RSA practices, to maintain control of the system and assess patron's levels of intoxication and behaviour, based on their experience and knowledge.

The licensee has confirmed that the venue does not have a high staff turnover and the majority of staff have been there for longer periods of time. All staff will be trained to identify those occasions

where patrons may be attempting to obtain increased volumes of liquor or who are attending at the venue at a frequency which raises concerns regarding the possibility of 'secondary supply.'

The addition of the Takeaway Authority will not necessarily create any additional employment opportunities; the business model will not change and there will not be any reduction to staffing levels, however it will support the current staff employed at the premise as it will contribute to the sustainability of the business operation and assist with maintaining secure employment. The applicant currently provides benefits to the community and pursuant to section 49(2)(e) of the Liquor Act 2019, they will continue to do so, supporting the recreational and employment offerings in the locale, which are considered to be in the public interest.

The application, if successful, will also be in the public interest as the licensee continues to provide liquor in a manner that ensures the safety of the public is maintained and also ensures that they continue to comply with the legislative requirements of the Liquor Act and other supporting legislation as it relates to staff training and supplying liquor in a responsible manner.

5.4.2 SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS

The likelihood that the application, if successful, would have a significant impact in terms of offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to anyone using or travelling to or from places of public worship, a hospital, or school is mitigated by the fact that the venue would not be the closest source of takeaway liquor for any of these sensitive sites with the exception of the Girraween Primary School which is located 7.3km away from the Coolalinga Village Tavern.

Additionally, the supply of liquor for takeaway would very much be an ancillary activity to the supply of liquor for consumption on premises together with F&B and entertainment offerings.

All other nearby schools, hospitals and places of worship are more closely located to already operating Takeaway Authorities, through either the Howard Springs Tavern or the Coolalinga BWS. This supports the claim that the approval of the Takeaway Authority at the subject venue should not be considered as an operation that would adversely impact any of the subject sensitive sites. In addition to this, the licensee will ensure that the robust harm minimisation policies that they already use will remain in place if the Substitution and Variation applications are favourably considered.

The immediate area surrounding the tavern acts as somewhat of a commercial hub for the surrounding regional areas and there are no large residential housing developments nearby, thus limiting potential adverse impacts on residents. The licensee is proposing to provide the liquor for consumption off premises from their bar, which is intended to further reduce the potential for negative impacts as it will primarily be utilised by patrons who are already attending at the venue to partake of the F&B and entertainment offerings. It is acknowledged that some customers may purchase liquor for takeaway without utilising the other services provided by the venue however staff will be trained to assess intoxication levels and any potential risks for all patrons purchasing liquor.

The nearest housing is in Fairweather Cres, which is separated from the premises by undeveloped land as well as the back end of the shopping centre. The applicant also has the advantages of experience in serving alcohol in the area and has effectively minimised any potential disruption as a result of their knowledge of the area having traded the Coolalinga Village Tavern for some years.

Patrons utilising the facilities of the tavern will have the ease and convenience of getting liquor for off-premises consumption on their way out of the tavern instead of having to walk to, and through, the shopping centre to utilise the other providers services or alternatively, having to drive to another location.

The risk of harm from liquor consumption can be exacerbated by an increase in takeaway liquor outlets. However, in this situation it is anticipated that while there may some increase in total takeaway liquor sales in the local area, this 'development' will more likely 'shift supply', that is to say, that patrons will be able to purchase from the Tavern, while they are there, rather than having to go to a different venue, thus total sales in the local area may not necessarily increase but shift location. As such it is submitted that the potential for increased harm from increased liquor outlets is somewhat mitigated.

Additionally, the applicant may also provide positive impacts in this space due to their experience in managing liquor sales at the venue. The venue also has the benefit of its pre-existing security measures, which will be enhanced to ensure it addresses managing takeaway liquor sales. Furthermore, the applicant already has revenue streams from their current operations which allows for reinvestment into staff training and best practice measures whereby the applicant is not solely reliant on income from takeaway alcohol which could inadvertently compromise practices that could lead to consumer harm. The licensee has confirmed that the venue does not have a high turnover rate for staff and the majority of them have worked at the premise for a longer periods of time, this assists in mitigating the potential risks as they are already aware of the patronage and demographics of their patron base and they are trained to identify intoxicated customers and at-risk persons or groups.

As referenced in the local area profile of this report, whilst the wider area demographic may occasionally be attracted to attend at the shopping centre, the local area is characterised by many low-risk demographics being present. The local areas socio-economic advantages, low unemployment, high rate of education and comparatively high levels of personal and household income and lower level of Indigenous population all contribute to lowering or mitigating the risk level of alcohol related harm.

The success of the application would provide alternative choices for patrons in choosing between the two nearby takeaway alcohol operators which would serve to increase options for local residents and improving convenience for customers who need products from multiple outlets which would now be available on both sides of the highway. As well as this, it will also provide a convenience option for the patrons utilising the additional service at the existing licensed premise.

5.5 POTENTIAL BENEFITS

The introduction of a Takeaway Liquor Authority in the Coolalinga area offers several potential benefits to the local community when managed responsibly. As a growing regional centre, Coolalinga serves a diverse population across both rural and suburban areas, many of whom value convenience and accessibility in retail services. Allowing licensed venues to offer takeaway liquor creates a controlled and regulated option for residents who prefer to purchase alcohol in smaller quantities or from familiar, locally operated establishments.

One of the key advantages is that takeaway liquor sold from licensed premises, particularly where it is dispensed over the bar by RSA-trained staff, is subject to strong oversight and responsible service practices. This contributes to a safer environment reducing the likelihood of underage supply or irresponsible bulk purchasing. In regional areas like Coolalinga, where dedicated bottle shops may be limited in number or located some distance away, takeaway authorities enhance consumer choice without significantly increasing risk.

Additionally, the economic benefit of supporting locally owned and operated hospitality venues contributes positively to the community. Takeaway sales can help improve the viability of small businesses, particularly in regional settings where trade may be seasonal or fluctuate. This increased revenue can support local employment and investment back into the community. When well-managed, takeaway liquor authorities provide a balanced approach to meeting consumer demand while upholding public safety and community wellbeing.

6 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

6.1 CONSULTATION SUMMARY

As per Sections 49 and 51 of the Liquor Act NT 2019, the applicant has completed community consultations to obtain the feedback and opinions of the community.

6.2 INTRODUCTION

As part of the application process, the applicant undertook a community survey and provided the community with various opportunities to provide their feedback on the proposal.

The community consultation questionnaire was made available to all visitors, local residents and the broader community. A flyer was printed and contained a QR code which linked directly to a Survey Monkey questionnaire. There were 3,000 flyers printed with approximately 1,500 being put into residents PO boxes in the three surrounding post offices. The remaining 1,500 flyers were placed at the tavern for patrons and visitors to utilise. As well as this, there were 15 posters with the same QR code attached, which were placed within the shopping centre and on notice boards. The applicant also had the proposal advertised on social media (via facebook) with the direct link to the Survey Monkey questionnaire which was able to reach a larger number of people from the broader community. These were displayed from the 23rd of June with the Social Media Ad being posted on the 29th of June 2026 (with reminders being posted throughout the week). Surveys closed on Monday the 6th of July 2026.

We believe that this provided the community, especially the local residents, with the opportunity to provide their comments on the proposed application and we believe provided the community with various options to complete it.

6.3 CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The licensee of the premises known as Coolalinga Village Tavern, OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd, is applying for permission to sell takeaway alcohol.

Sales would be over the counter from the bar; there will not be any changes to the physical layout of the premise.

As part of this process, the licensee is consulting with residents in the area and customers of the tavern and the shopping centre.

The results of this survey will become part of the licensee's application to the Liquor Commission.

1. How did you become aware of this survey?
 - a. Tavern
 - b. Shopping Centre
 - c. PO Box Flyer
 - d. Social Media
 - e. Other
2. What is your age?

- a. 18-29
 - b. 30-39
 - c. 40-49
 - d. 50-59
 - e. 60-69
 - f. 70+
3. What is your gender?
 - a. Male
 - b. Female
 - c. Non-Binary
 - d. Other
 - e. Prefer not to say
4. What is the suburb name and postcode of your home address?
5. Do you currently purchase alcohol from takeaway stores?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. How often do you purchase alcohol from takeaway stores?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Rarely
 - e. Never
7. Do you currently utilise the Coolalinga Shopping Centre?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
8. If yes, how often do you frequent the shopping centre?
 - a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. Monthly
 - d. Rarely
 - e. N/A
9. The Coolalinga Tavern is seeking to expand the options for the local community and existing patrons by offering over the counter takeaway liquor sales. Do you support this additional service?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
10. Why do you support / not support the application?
11. Do you currently utilise the facilities of the Coolalinga Tavern?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
12. Do you think the addition of a takeaway liquor authority will have a positive, negative or no impact on the community?
 - a. Positive
 - b. Negative
 - c. No impact
13. Why do you think the takeaway liquor authority will/will not have this impact on the community?
14. Do you think the addition of a takeaway liquor authority will have a positive, negative or no impact to consumer choice in the local area?

- a. Positive
 - b. Negative
 - c. No impact
15. Why do you think the above will have this impact on the local area?
16. How likely is it that you would purchase takeaway alcohol from the Coolalinga Tavern.
- a. Highly Likely
 - b. Likely
 - c. Unlikely
 - d. Highly Unlikely
17. Do you have any further comments you would like to make about the addition of a further takeaway option.

6.4 CONSULTATION BREAKDOWN

A total of 98 responses were received during the course of the community consultation process. Below is a summary of the responses received:

- ... There were multiple responses received from the various platforms that the survey was available with a decently spread-out age demographic providing their feedback and opinions.
- ... The majority of respondents (96%) purchased takeaway alcohol with 61% of them purchasing this weekly.
- ... The majority of respondents frequented the shopping centre on a weekly basis (71%).
- ... The majority of respondents frequented the tavern (96%).
- ... 88% of the 98 responses received supported the application for the additional service to be provided with 52% believing it would have a positive impact on the community, 11% negative and the remaining 37% no impact.
- ... 64% of respondents believed the additional takeaway authority would have a positive impact on consumer choice in the area, 7% negative and 29% believed it would have no impact.
- ... 54% of respondents chose that they would highly likely purchase takeaway alcohol, if the application was approved, 26% likely with 10% selecting unlikely and highly unlikely.

For a full list of the raw responses, please refer to the attached document named "Individual Responses 06072026".

Figure 6.1 – Q1 Breakdown

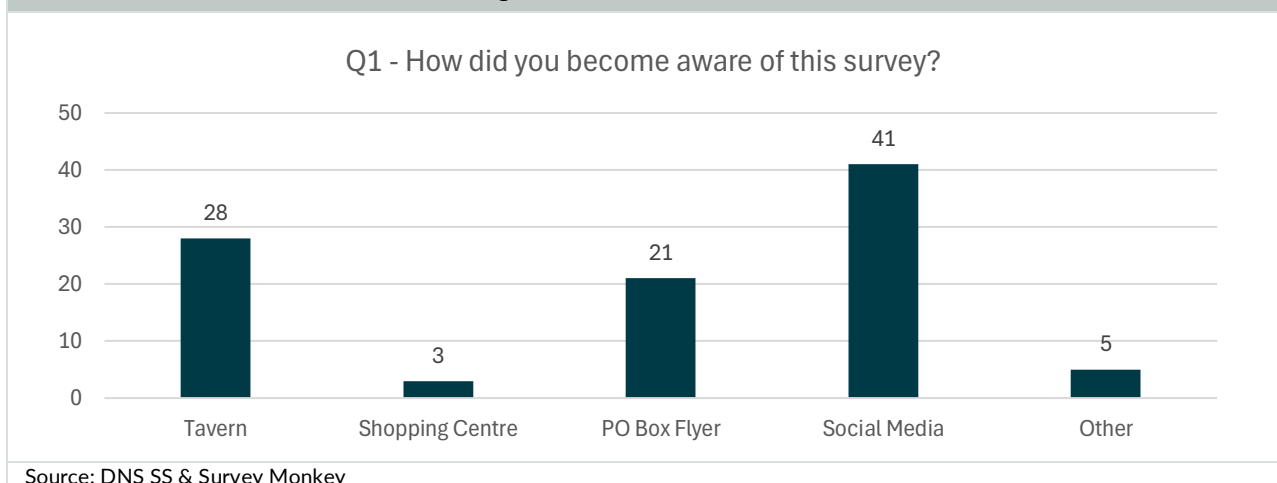


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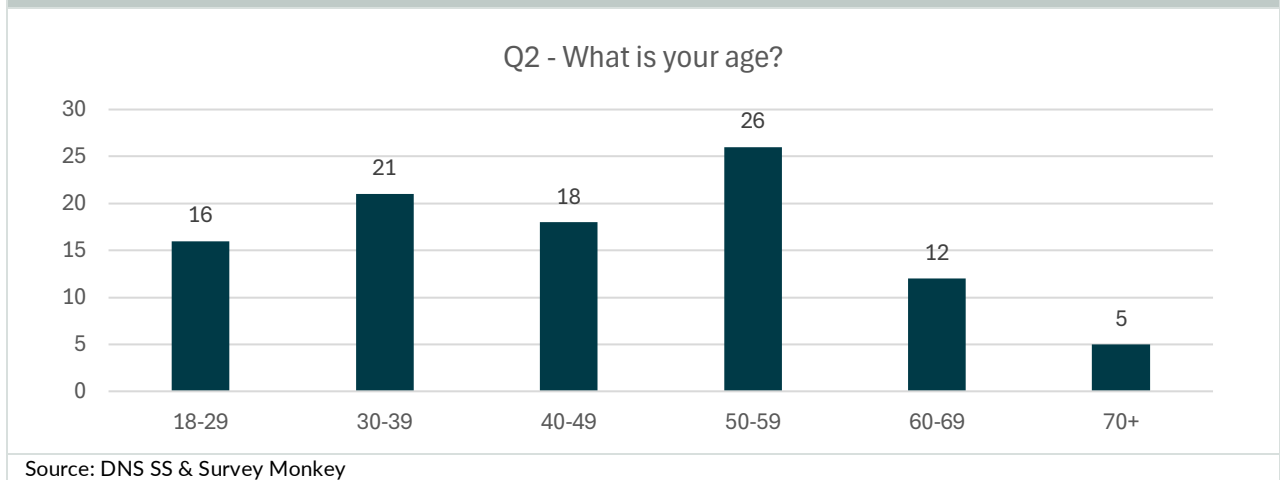


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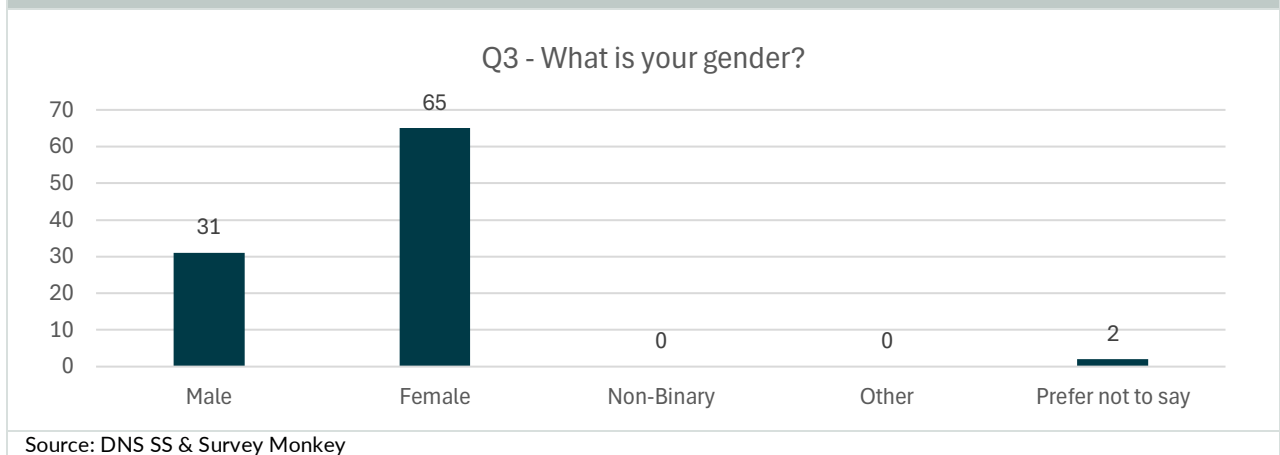


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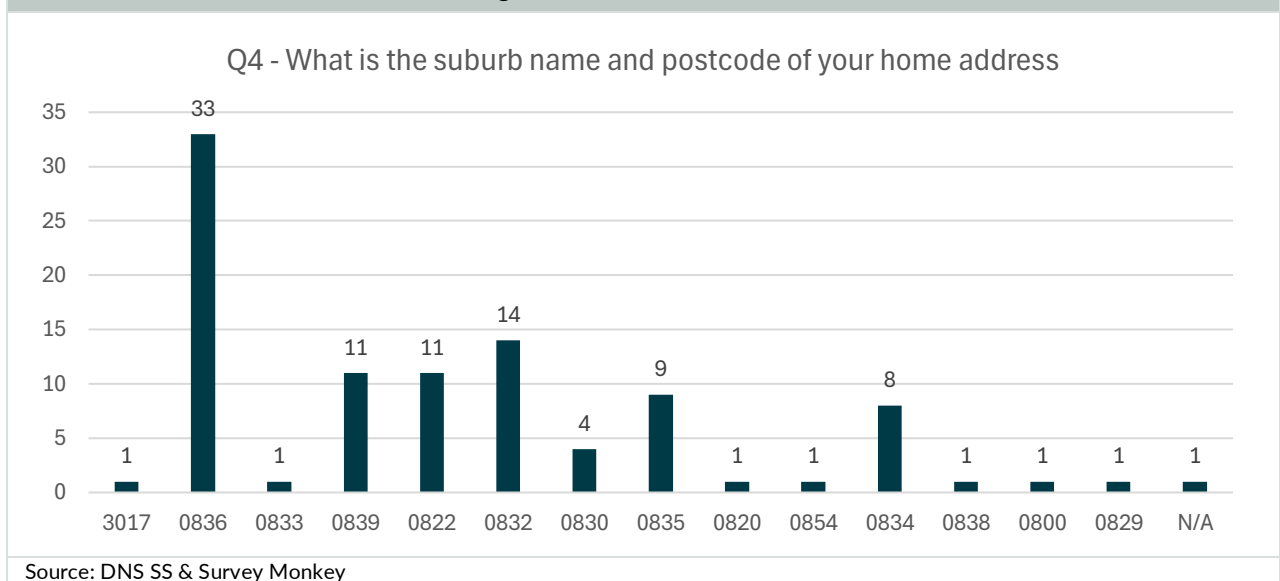


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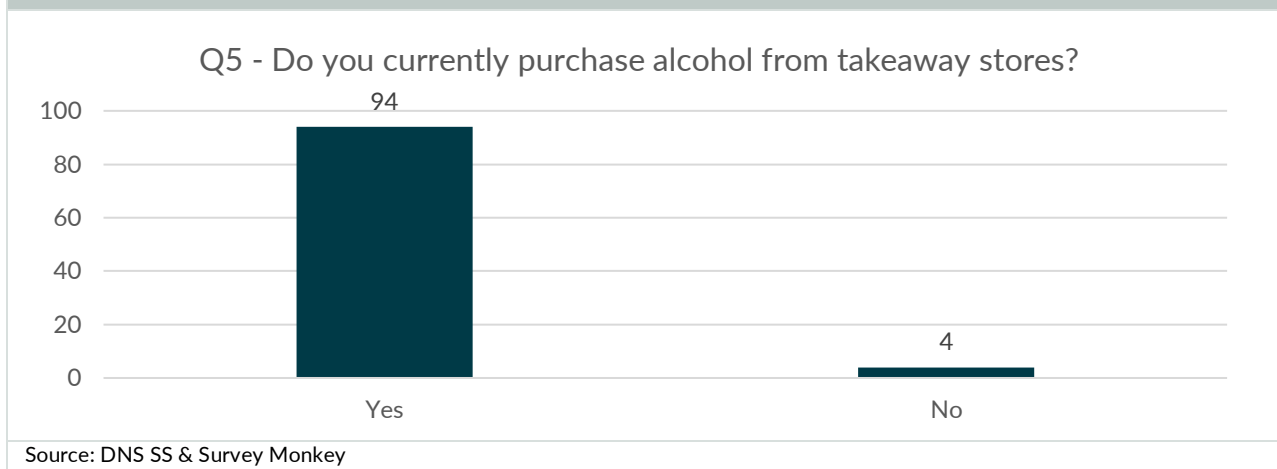


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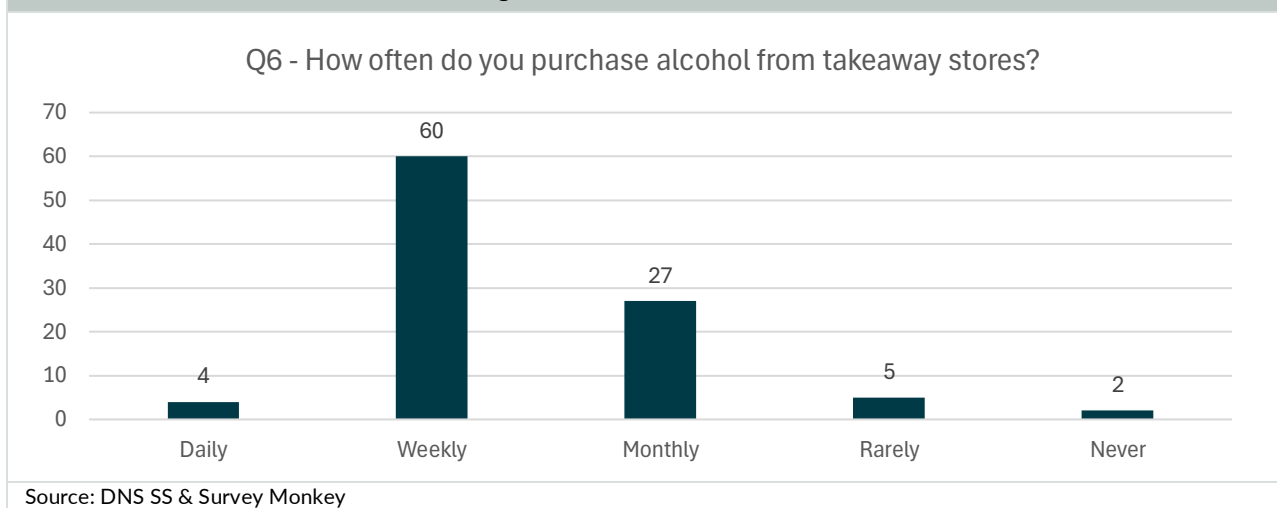


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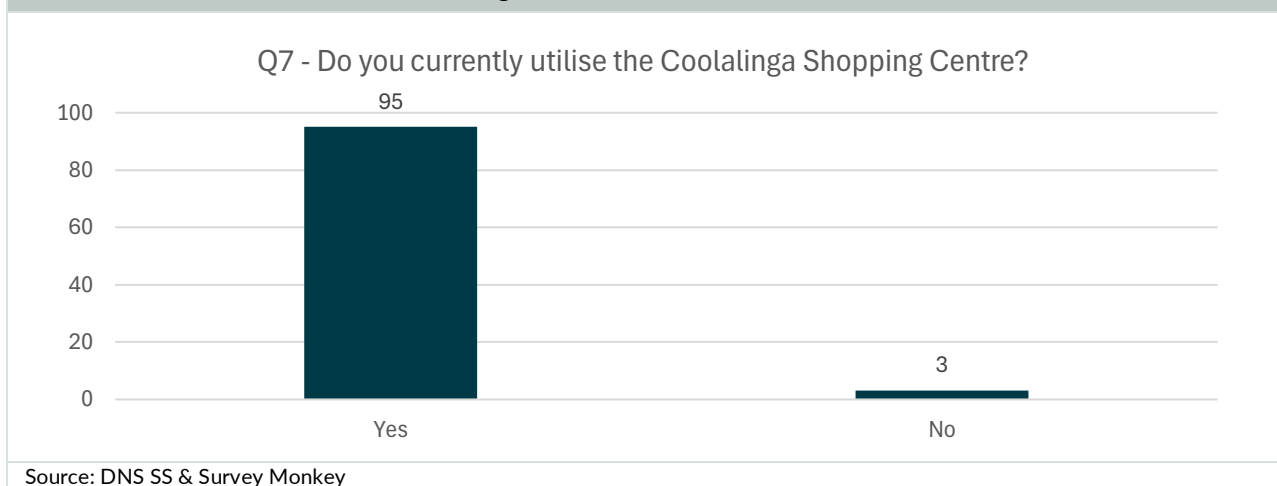
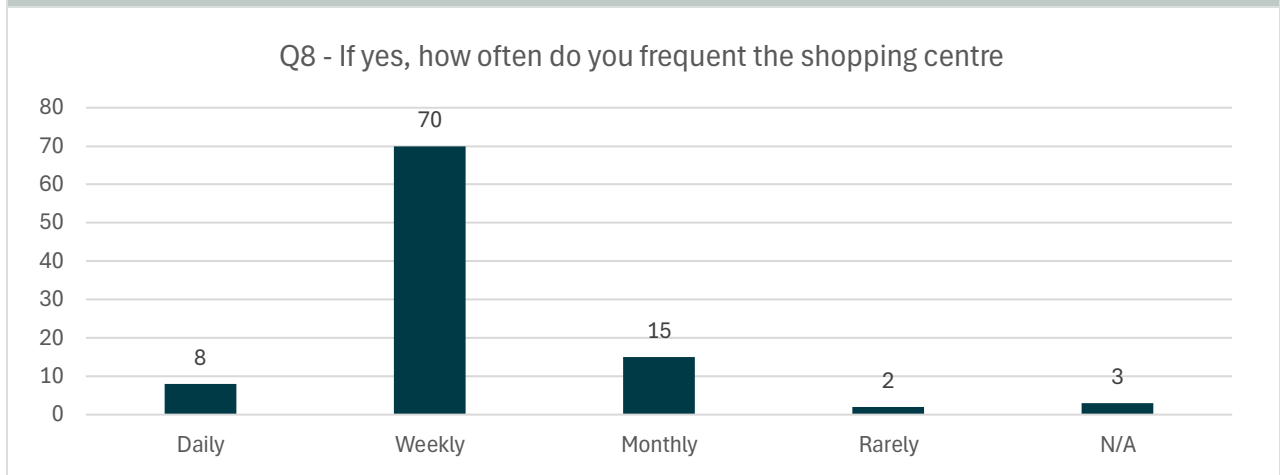
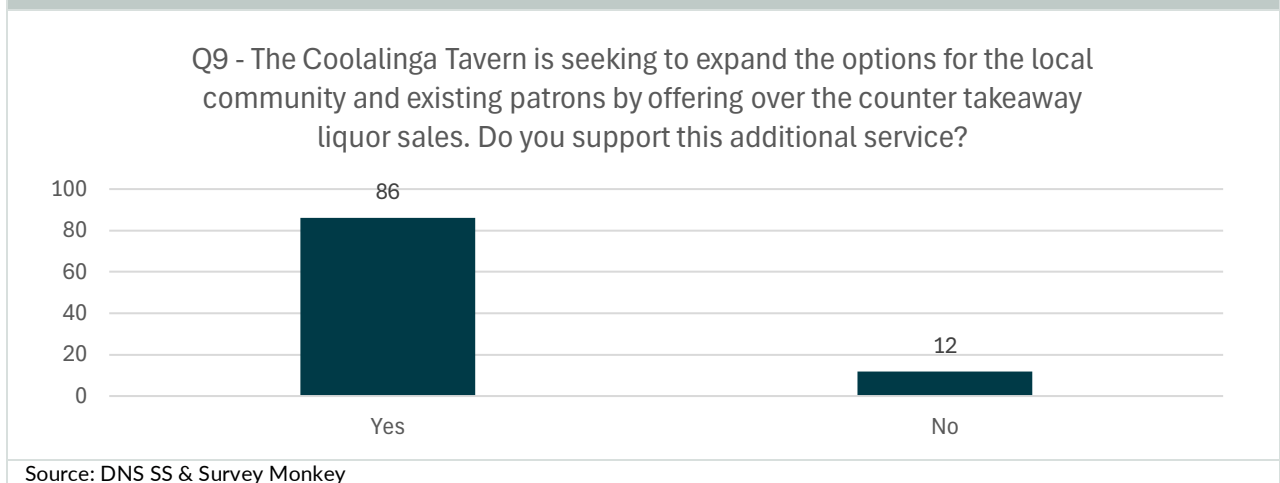


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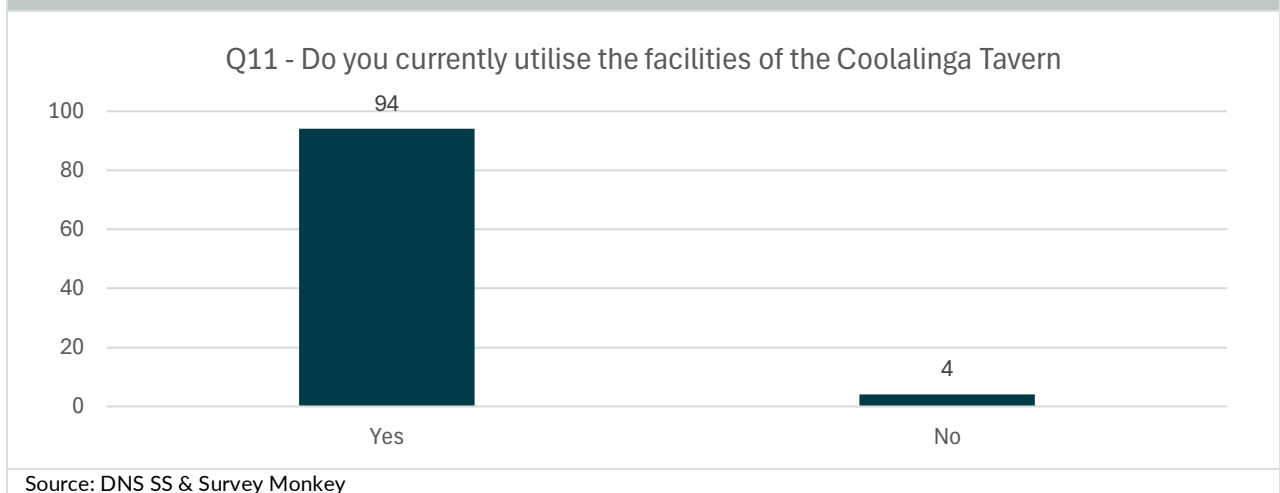
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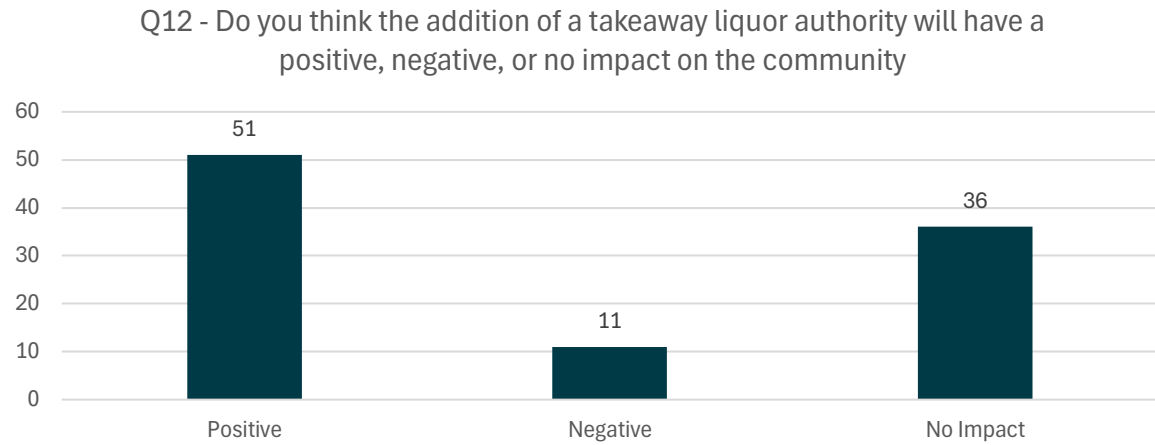
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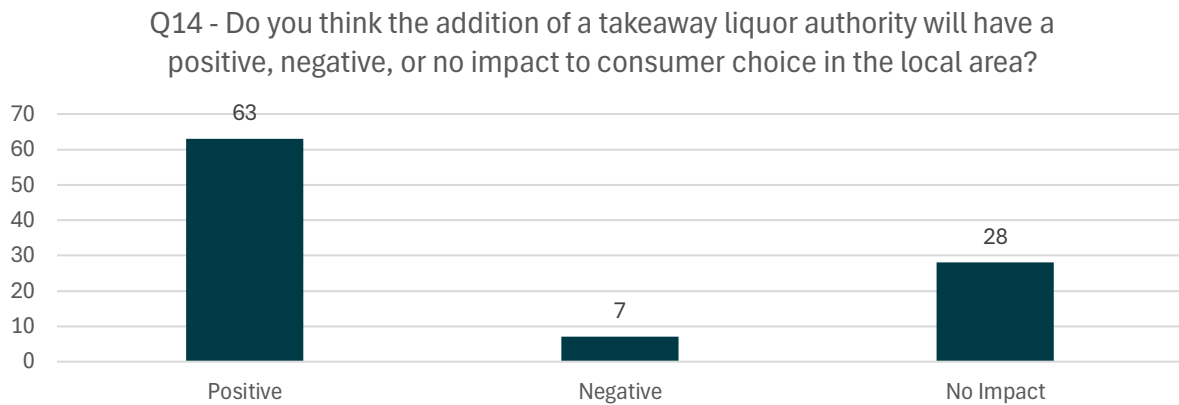
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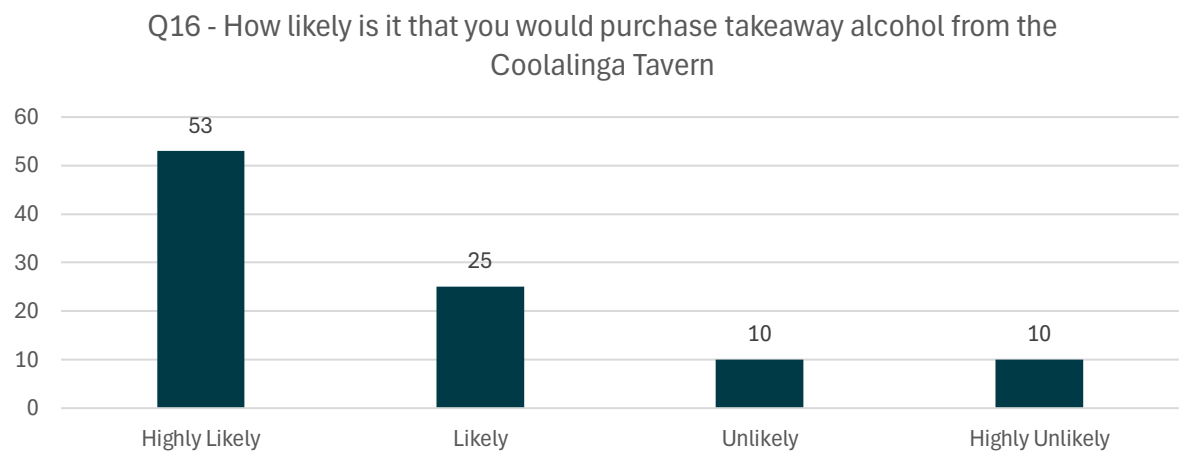
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Figure 6.12 – Q14 Breakdown



Source: DNS SS & Survey Monkey

Figure 6.13 – Q16 Breakdown



Source: DNS SS & Survey Monkey

6.4.1 SUMMARY OF POSITIVE COMMENTS

- ... There were multiple comments supporting the convenience of the proposed takeaway authority, particularly for local patrons who already attend the Coolalinga Tavern and may wish to purchase takeaway alcohol before returning home.
- ... Several respondents commented that the proposal would provide locals with another takeaway liquor option in the Coolalinga area.
- ... Respondents noted that there are limited takeaway liquor options in the local area, and that an additional outlet would improve accessibility for local residents.
- ... There were multiple comments that the proposal would provide greater consumer choice and variety.
- ... Several respondents commented that the proposal would increase competition in the local takeaway liquor market, including competition with larger supermarket-owned liquor retailers.
- ... Respondents identified benefits in supporting a locally owned independent business rather than relying solely on larger chain retailers.
- ... There were multiple comments that the Coolalinga Tavern is a well-run venue with responsible management and staff.
- ... Several respondents commented positively on the licensee/operator, including that the operator is responsible, experienced, of good character, and responsive to community needs.
- ... Respondents noted that the venue is already well supported by locals and tourists and is considered an established part of the Coolalinga community.
- ... Several comments suggested that the takeaway authority would benefit the local community by allowing residents to purchase alcohol locally rather than travelling to other areas such as Humpty Doo, Palmerston, Holtze or Noonamah.
- ... Respondents commented that the proposal may reduce the need for local residents to travel further distances to purchase takeaway alcohol, particularly on Sundays.
- ... There were comments that the proposed takeaway authority could reduce unnecessary travel and associated risks, including the temptation to drink and drive after travelling to another location.
- ... Several respondents supported the sale of takeaway alcohol over the counter, noting that existing venue supervision, staffing and security measures would assist with responsible service and help prevent sales to minors or inappropriate persons.
- ... Respondents commented that purchasing takeaway alcohol from the tavern after a meal or visit may encourage patrons to return home rather than continue drinking on the premises.
- ... There were comments that the proposal would be positive for business, sales and the ongoing success of the Coolalinga Tavern.
- ... Several respondents commented that the proposal aligns with community demand and would add value to the services already provided by the tavern.
- ... Respondents supported the idea of a dedicated takeaway area, separate retail section or future drive-through bottle shop as a possible enhancement to the proposal.

- ... There were comments that a takeaway authority would improve value for money and allow customers to compare prices locally.

Overall, the positive survey responses indicate support for the proposed takeaway authority on the basis of convenience, consumer choice, local competition, responsible venue management, support for local business, and improved access for the Coolalinga and broader rural community.

It will also add a genuine benefit to the community as Sunday trading for shoppers will provide more convenience and options.

6.4.2 SUMMARY OF NEGATIVE COMMENTS

- ... Some respondents raised concerns that there is no demonstrated need for an additional takeaway liquor outlet in Coolalinga, noting that takeaway liquor is already available nearby.
- ... Respondents raised concerns that increasing access to takeaway alcohol may contribute to increased alcohol consumption in the community.
- ... A respondent identified broader concerns about alcohol-related harm in the Northern Territory, including the impact of excessive alcohol consumption on families and the wider community (based on a respondent's personal family matter in the past).
- ... There were multiple comments expressing concern that takeaway liquor availability may encourage patrons to continue drinking after leaving the tavern.
- ... Respondents raised concerns that the proposal may contribute to antisocial behaviour, including intoxication-related incidents, fights and public disturbances.
- ... Respondents identified concerns about drink driving and the potential for increased traffic-related risks if takeaway alcohol sales are introduced.
- ... There were comments that the proposal could negatively affect the atmosphere of the tavern, including disruption to patrons who attend the venue for a quiet drink or meal.
- ... Respondents raised concerns about the tavern already feeling crowded and that takeaway sales may increase congestion within the premises.
- ... Several comments identified parking and traffic flow as concerns, including that existing parking at Coolalinga may already be limited and that additional takeaway activity could worsen vehicle movements and accident risk.
- ... Some respondents raised concerns that takeaway liquor sales may attract undesirable behaviour or vulnerable persons to the premises or surrounding area.
- ... There were comments that the tavern is currently operating well and does not require the addition of takeaway liquor sales.
- ... Some respondents indicated that, if takeaway liquor were to be supported, they would prefer a dedicated drive-through or separate takeaway outlet rather than sales occurring over the bar inside the tavern.
- ... Some respondents suggested that operational controls, such as limiting takeaway sales to earlier hours, may assist in reducing potential risks associated with antisocial behaviour and drink driving.

Overall, the negative survey responses focused on concerns about the existing availability of takeaway liquor, increased access to alcohol, potential alcohol-related harm, antisocial behaviour, drink driving, parking and traffic impacts, and possible disruption to the existing tavern environment.

6.4.3 SUMMARY OF NO IMPACT COMMENTS

- ... Several respondents commented that the proposed takeaway authority would not materially alter the existing liquor environment in Coolalinga, as takeaway liquor is already available from nearby outlets.
- ... There were comments that the proposal would not change the existing dynamics of the area or create any new community impact.
- ... Several respondents commented that the proposed takeaway sales are unlikely to cause additional issues, particularly as the tavern would not operate as a standalone external bottle shop.
- ... Respondents noted that takeaway sales from the tavern would likely be low volume, as customers would generally only purchase takeaway alcohol if they were already attending the venue.
- ... There were comments that customers are unlikely to travel specifically to the tavern for takeaway alcohol, given the existing nearby options.
- ... Respondents commented that the proposal would provide another purchasing option without increasing overall availability in a meaningful way, as the same products can already be purchased from other local outlets.
- ... Some respondents noted that the proposal may create additional competition and assist in keeping prices lower for consumers.
- ... There were comments that the proposal would provide convenience when supermarket-owned liquor outlets are closed, including on Sundays.
- ... Respondents noted that other rural pubs already hold takeaway liquor authorities, suggesting that the proposal is consistent with existing rural hotel and tavern operations.
- ... Some respondents commented that, if takeaway liquor sales from existing nearby outlets are considered acceptable, then takeaway sales from the Coolalinga Tavern should be
- ... Some respondents expressed a preference for a drive-through takeaway outlet; however, this was framed as a preferred format rather than a concern about community impact.

Overall, the no impact responses indicate that respondents considered the proposal unlikely to create any additional or material impact on the Coolalinga community, primarily because takeaway liquor is already available nearby, the tavern would not operate as a separate external bottle shop, and purchases would likely be incidental to existing patronage.

6.5 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

The proposed takeaway authority is intended to provide an additional service for existing patrons of the Coolalinga Tavern, rather than establish a separate or standalone bottle shop. Survey responses indicate that many patrons would use the service for convenience when already attending

the tavern, rather than making a separate trip for takeaway liquor. The proposal therefore responds to existing customer demand and provides an alternative local option without fundamentally changing the nature of the venue.

The existence of other takeaway liquor outlets in the area demonstrates that takeaway liquor is already available within Coolalinga. The proposed authority would not introduce a new category of product or service to the locality but would provide consumers with additional choice and competition. The tavern's takeaway sales would be conducted within an existing licensed and supervised environment

The licensee acknowledges the importance of minimising alcohol-related harm. Any takeaway liquor sales would be managed in accordance with the venue's responsible service of alcohol obligations, including refusal of service to intoxicated persons, minors, or any person where service would be inappropriate. The tavern is already an established licensed venue with trained staff and existing compliance procedures in place.

The licensee would apply the same responsible service standards to takeaway purchases as it applies to on-premises consumption. Staff would be required to assess each transaction and refuse takeaway sales where a patron appears intoxicated or where the sale may contribute to harm. The availability of takeaway liquor does not remove the licensee's obligation to refuse service where required.

The licensee would continue to manage the premises in a manner that prioritises patron safety, orderly conduct and community amenity. Takeaway sales would occur under staff supervision from within the existing licensed premises, allowing staff to monitor customer behaviour and refuse service where appropriate. Existing venue management practices, including staff supervision and security measures where applicable, would assist in reducing the risk of antisocial behaviour.

The licensee would continue to encourage responsible behaviour by patrons leaving the venue. Staff would retain the ability to refuse takeaway sales to intoxicated persons or any person where there are concerns about safe transport. The proposal may also reduce the need for residents to travel further distances to purchase takeaway liquor, particularly where other outlets are closed or less convenient.

The takeaway component would be managed as an ancillary service to the existing tavern operation. Sales can be conducted in a controlled manner to minimise disruption to dining and on-premises patrons. The licensee can also review internal service arrangements to ensure takeaway transactions do not interfere with the comfort or amenity of existing patrons.

The licensee can manage takeaway transactions through appropriate staff oversight, queue management and clear service procedures. As the proposal is not for a separate external bottle shop, takeaway sales are expected to be incidental to existing patronage rather than generate significant additional foot traffic through the venue.

Takeaway sales are expected to be primarily used by patrons already attending the Coolalinga Tavern, rather than creating a significant new destination for takeaway liquor purchases. On that basis, the

proposal is unlikely to materially increase parking demand or traffic flow. The licensee can continue to monitor parking and access arrangements and respond to any operational issues if they arise.

The tavern already operates as a regulated licensed venue with staff supervision, responsible service obligations and the ability to refuse service. Takeaway sales would occur in the same controlled environment. Staff would be expected to manage all sales carefully and refuse service where there are concerns about intoxication, behaviour, age, or risk of harm.

The licensee acknowledges that the tavern is well regarded in its current form. The proposed takeaway authority is intended to complement the existing operation and improve customer convenience, not alter the character of the venue. The tavern would continue to operate primarily as a tavern, with takeaway liquor sales forming an additional customer service.

The licensee also acknowledges that some respondents expressed a preference for a dedicated takeaway area or future drive-through facility. However, over-the-counter sales within the existing tavern allow takeaway purchases to occur under direct staff supervision and within the venue's established responsible service framework. The licensee may consider future operational improvements if demand and site layout support them.

The licensee is open to implementing practical management measures to minimise potential impacts. This may include clear staff procedures for takeaway sales, refusal-of-service protocols, monitoring of patron behaviour, and consideration of appropriate trading practices to ensure takeaway sales remain well managed and ancillary to the tavern's broader operation.

The concerns raised in the negative survey responses can be addressed through the venue's existing responsible service practices, staff supervision, refusal-of-service obligations, and practical operational controls. The proposed takeaway authority would operate from an existing licensed premises with established management systems and would provide an additional convenience to patrons without materially changing the nature of the Coolalinga Tavern or the existing liquor environment in Coolalinga.

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Coolalinga Village Tavern – Public Interest Criteria

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1 OVERVIEW

DNS Specialist Services (DNS SS) were engaged by OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd (the applicant) to prepare an application pursuant to Section 71 of the Liquor Act 2019 to transfer the Stone House Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licence from Northern Wines Pty Ltd to OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd. This application was approved on 10 July 2026.

DNS SS have also been engaged by the applicant to prepare an application for two Variation of licence applications and a Substitution of license premise pursuant to Section 75(2) of the Liquor Act. The Licensee is seeking to relocate the Stone House Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licence from 33 Cavenagh Street, Darwin City to Coolalinga Village Tavern (CVT) at 425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga. As part of the process, DNS SS was also commissioned to complete the accompanying Community Impact Analysis (CIA).

As part of this process, if the applications are favourably considered, the applicant will surrender the Restaurant Bar, BYO and Late-Night Authorities from the Stone House Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licence, retaining the Takeaway Authority.

The applicant has owned and operated the Coolalinga Village Tavern for many years and is now wanting to expand the offerings of their existing established business.

The applicant has procedures and strategies in place to mitigate the possibility of any negative impacts from the operation of the current on-premises consumption venue (CVT) and the same level of management and compliance will be maintained with the addition of a Takeaway Authority, which will allow for the sale of takeaway liquor 'over the bar'.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Community Impact Analysis report which further outlines the operation of the proposed venue and the impact on the local community.

1.1 APPLICANT DETAILS

Figure 3.1 – Applicant and Premise Information	
Applicant	OMAD (NT) Pty Ltd
Trading Name	Coolalinga Village Tavern
Liquor Licence Number	FLL1048
Authorities	Public Bar, Late Night
Proposed Authority	Takeaway
Premises Location	425 Stuart Highway, Coolalinga NT 0839
Trading Hours – On Premise Consumption	Sunday-Thursday 10am-11:59pm Friday-Saturday 10am-2am
Trading Hours – Proposed Takeaway Authority	Monday to Sunday and Public Holidays inclusive 10:00 and 22:00; No trading on Good Friday or Christmas Day.
Source: Applicant	

1.2 PREMISE LOCATION

The imagery below depicts the site location in relation to the surrounding area.

Figure 3.2 – Venue Location



Source: Nearmap May 2026

2 PUBLIC INTEREST CRITERIA

2.1 HARM OR ILL-HEALTH

Section 49 (2)(a) - *minimising the harm or ill-health caused to people, or a group of people, by the consumption of liquor.*

It is the intention of the applicant to provide a safe, enjoyable, and responsibly managed venue for its staff members, patrons, and the local community.

The applicant has significant experience in the management of licensed venues and will ensure alcohol supplied at the premise is in line with the Code of Practice for the Responsible Advertising and Promotion of Alcohol, as issued by the Director General of Licensing.

The applicant has extensive experience in dealing with the needs and risks associated with the trading of a liquor outlet through their operation of the Coolalinga Village Tavern, with liquor supplied for on-premises consumption.

A harm minimisation document (this PIC) has been prepared and the strategies contained therein will be implemented to help minimise and mitigate any potential harm or ill health associated with the sale of liquor for consumption on and off premise.

This plan will address (but not be limited to) issues such as:

- ... Assessing the patron's level of intoxication,
- ... Preventing unlawful supply to intoxicated or disorderly persons and or minors, etc.
- ... Ensuring the supply of liquor to potential 'at risk' groups or people, is managed lawfully and safely.
- ... Ensuring liquor is only supplied during approved licensed trading hours.
- ... Ensuring that there is no advertising or promotional material that could be interpreted as being inconsistent with the Code of Practice, no advertising targeting minors and no advertising encouraging the rapid or excessive consumption of liquor.
- ... Mitigating the potential for secondary supply of takeaway liquor, to 'at risk' groups or people.
- ... Maintaining the safe environment for patrons, staff and the community.

2.2 LIQUOR CONSUMPTION ON THE LICENSED PREMISES

Section 49 (2)(b) - *ensuring liquor is sold, supplied, served and consumed on or in licensed premises in a responsible manner.*

In alignment with RSA requirements, all staff involved in the sale of liquor will be trained in RSA before they commence their employment (which is currently enforced at the Tavern) with staff undertaking training on the BDR (Banned Drinkers Register) at the beginning of their first shift.

An RSA register of staff training will be maintained and kept on the premises at all times.

RSA strategies that are currently in place at the Tavern will also be applied to the proposed sale of liquor pursuant to the Takeaway Authority, with these sales also occurring 'over the bar', to ensure liquor is sold in a responsible manner are outlined below:

- ... All staff involved in the sale or supply of liquor will be RSA trained.
- ... Staff will undergo refresher RSA training as required by legislation (Currently every 3 years)
- ... The licensee will utilise the BDR system to assist in ensuring liquor is not supplied to those persons already identified as 'at risk'.
- ... The patron's level of intoxication will be assessed prior to them being supplied or sold liquor.
- ... The licensee will ensure that they do not display advertising or promotional material that could be interpreted as being offensive, excessive, or inconsistent with the principals of RSA.
- ... Liquor will only be supplied in proper liquor vessels.
- ... CCTV is installed at the premises and operated in accordance with any condition endorsed on the licence.
- ... The licensee will provide a range of non-alcoholic and light or low strength alcoholic beverages for purchase.
- ... Free drinking water will be readily available, at the bar, for all patrons.
- ... Staff will always communicate in a respectful and non-confrontational manner when interacting with patrons.
- ... If staff of the venue believe that a patron is showing signs of being quarrelsome or disorderly, then the patron will be refused any service of alcohol.
- ... Staff will monitor the premises to ensure that individuals over the age of 18 years are not supplying liquor to minors or 'at risk' or banned patrons. Persons found to be purchasing liquor for minors, or 'at risk, or banned patrons will be refused further service and requested to leave the premises.
- ... The licensee will take all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment in and around the premises, by employing good RSA practices and thus mitigating the potential for an adverse impact on the local neighbourhood.

2.3 PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY

Section 49 (2)(c) - *safeguarding public order and safety, particularly when large numbers of people would be attracted to licensed premises or an area adjacent to those premises.*

The applicant is focused on establishing a premise which provides consistent, high-quality customer service, in a safe and friendly environment to be enjoyed by all patrons.

The Takeaway Authority will be run with compliant levels of surveillance as well as drawing on security and deterrence practices which are already in place at the tavern.

In addition, the below strategies have been and will continue to be implemented to ensure public order and safety is maintained:

- ... The venue contracts a licensed security company as and when required, to assist the licensee in maintaining a safe environment, with all security personnel licensed and registered.
- ... The licensee regularly reviews and risk assesses tavern operations to determine the need for additional security staff to assist them in maintaining a safe environment in and around the premises, particularly if they are hosting an event or special occasion.
- ... CVT already operates CCTV monitoring at points of entry and exit as well as the main areas of the licensed premises, compliant with all legislative requirements. These facilities will also ensure adequate CCTV coverage of the area where the proposed takeaway sales will occur ('over the bar') and in accordance with any CCTV condition which may be endorsed on the Licence.

2.4 SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

Section 49 (2)(d) - *protecting the safety, health and welfare of people who use licensed premises.*

Management is committed to maintaining the health and well-being of the local community as it relates to their providing liquor for consumption on the premises and also providing a takeaway liquor sales service.

The licensee has procedures in place to protect patrons, community members and staff, which includes (but is not necessarily limited) to the below:

Dealing with minors on the premise

- ... All staff are trained to monitor the behaviour of any exempt minors that may be on the licensed premises, at all times.
- ... Liquor will not be served to minors.
- ... Any minor that attempts to purchase liquor for onsite or offsite consumption will be refused service and asked to leave the premises.

- ... If a minor shows identification that has been tampered with, or it is believed it is being used by the wrong person, the identification will be confiscated and forwarded to Licensing NT, within 72 hours, together with details of the incident.
- ... Staff will monitor the premises to ensure that individuals over the age of 18 years are not supplying liquor to minors. Persons found to be purchasing liquor for minors will be refused further service and requested to leave the premises and may be referred to the Police.

Dealing with drunk, violent, quarrelsome, and disorderly patrons on the premises

- ... The licensee will take all reasonable steps to control the behaviour of patrons, whilst in and around the venue.
- ... Staff are proactive in monitoring patron behaviour at all times. Staff will be trained in identifying signs of intoxicated, quarrelsome, and disorderly patrons.
- ... Any member of staff will have the right to refuse the service of alcohol to any person who displays signs of the aforementioned behaviours. Service may also be refused to any person who creates discomfort for or displays anti-social behaviour towards other patrons.
- ... Staff will always communicate in a respectful and non-confrontational manner when interacting with patrons.
- ... If staff believe that a patron is showing signs of being quarrelsome or disorderly, then the patron will be refused any service of alcohol.
- ... Any incidents involving intoxicated, violent, quarrelsome, and disorderly patrons will be reported to management.
- ... All staff are advised of the requirement to utilise the BDR system and are trained in the use of the device at the start of their first shift.

2.5 CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, EMPLOYMENT OR TOURISM

Section 49 (2)(e) - *increasing cultural, recreational, employment or tourism benefits for the local community area.*

Section 49 (3)(e) - *the effect on culture, recreation, employment and tourism*

It is not anticipated that there will be additional employment opportunities created at the Tavern as a result of the Takeaway Authority being approved, as the takeaway liquor sales will occur over the bar, which is already being serviced by bar staff.

The licensee has confirmed that they do not have a high turnover of staff at the Coolalinga Village Tavern and staff retention is high and the additional service being offered at the premise, if approved, will provide an even greater level, or sense of stability for staff and support the existing employees.

The current operation of the licensed Tavern does not have any known adverse impacts on, or risks to the local culture, recreation, employment, and tourism ecosystem within the local community.

The implementation of the Takeaway Authority will be managed in the same responsible manner as on-premises supply and consumption which will mitigate any potential adverse impacts on the local community.

The applicant is committed to being an employer of choice in the area and will continue to have good management practices and strategies in place to ensure they maintain a safe and healthy working environment for all of their staff

2.6 IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

Section 49 (3)(d) - *the people or community who would be affected.*

It is not anticipated that the Substitution and relocation of the Takeaway Authority into the proposed Tavern area will have any adverse impact on the amenity of the local community.

The success of the subject application will not introduce takeaway alcohol services into a community or area where it is not already present, but rather, it will provide for further patron choice, convenience, and options in the area.

As previously stated, the licensee, management, and staff will continue to manage the venue in the same responsible manner that they currently do, which will ensure that the introduction of takeaway liquor sales at the Tavern does not any adverse impact on the amenity of the local neighbourhood, or the community at large

Furthermore, the applicant will continue to comply with all conditions endorsed on the licence to ensure they provide a safe environment in and around the venue. This includes:

- ... The licensee will take all reasonable steps to provide a safe environment in and around the premises, by continuing to employ good RSA practices (already operating at the Tavern) and thus mitigating the potential for an adverse impact on the local neighbourhood.
- ... The licensee will ensure they comply with the noise conditions endorsed on the licence and ensure any noise emanating from the venue is not excessive or unreasonable, in the circumstances.
- ... The Licensee will take all reasonable steps to ensure staff and patrons behave in an orderly manner when entering or leaving the premises.
- ... Venue management will ensure people to not unnecessarily congregate outside the venue.
- ... Deliveries and rubbish removal will be conducted at times that will minimise the potential adverse impact on the neighbouring residents.
- ... Staff will be required to report any noise complaints to management to allow them to take steps to rectify any noise issues considered excessive or unreasonable, in real time.

2.7 BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT LICENSED PREMISES

Section 49 (3)(a) - *the risk of undue offence, annoyance, disturbance or inconvenience to persons who reside or work in the vicinity of the proposed licensed premises or who are using, or travelling to or from, a place of public worship, a hospital or a school.*

The likelihood that the application, the addition of a Takeaway Authority, if successful, would have any significant impact in terms of offence, annoyance, disturbance, or inconvenience to anyone using or travelling to or from places of public worship, a hospital, or school is unlikely due to the nature of the venue operations and services.

The additional service offering is very much a 'value-add' to the services and facilities already being provided by the licensee.

As previously stated, the takeaway liquor sales will occur 'over the bar'. Matters relating to attempts to purchase excessive volumes of liquor, regular and consistent purchases that could be seen as being subject to secondary supply, and/or supply to at-risk groups, will be managed by educating staff on identifying the 'red flags' and ensuring that they are trained and supported to take affirmative action to prevent the inappropriate purchase/supply.

Further, the proposed venue is somewhat removed from the types of facilities mentioned, with the closest facility being the Girraween Primary School which is located 7.3km away from the Coolalinga Village Tavern.

All other nearby schools, hospitals and places of worship are more closely located to an already operating Takeaway Liquor Authority, either at the Howard Springs Tavern or the Coolalinga BWS.

It is also important to note that the proposal is to add takeaway sales over the bar of the existing premise. In this case it means that many patrons will already be known to staff, patron behaviour will have been monitored during the time they are on premises, and this will lead to a further level of scrutiny of the sale/supply process.

However, it is acknowledged that some customers may not be known to the venue staff and may not have utilised any services or facilities on site, prior to attempting to make a takeaway liquor purchase. As such, staff of the tavern are trained to identify the relevant behaviours associated with intoxication and they will also be trained to identify the potential of customers purchasing alcohol for 'grog running' and how to correctly deal with the situation, should it arise.

2.8 AFFECTED GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Section 49 (3)(b) - *the geographic area that would be affected.*

The applicant recognises the nature of the geographical area in which the premise is located, and both understands and respects the nature as well as the various demographic groups which reside

and work in the area closest to the premise and this information is detailed in the CIA provided. The applicant has been aware of these factors at all times whilst drafting documents relating to harm minimisation and management practices.

These localised matters were and are considered when managing the sale and supply of liquor for consumption on premises and they will continue to be considered as they may apply to takeaway liquor sales.

2.9 COMPLYING WITH PROVISIONS OF THE ACT

Section 49 (2)(f) - *promoting compliance with this Act and other relevant laws of the Territory.*

The premise does and will continue to adhere to and conform with the various legislative requirements as controlled by the Northern Territory Government including but not restricted to:

- ... *Liquor Act 2019*
- ... *Liquor Regulations 2019*
- ... *Private Security Act 1995*
- ... By-laws made under the Local Government Act; and
- ... Provisions of, or under the Planning Act

2.10 SUITABLE TRAINING

Section 49 (2)(g) - *ensuring each person involved in the business conducted at licensed premises receives training suitable to the person's role in the business.*

As previously advised, the licensee will ensure that all staff involved in the sale and supply of liquor will be trained in RSA, this is a current practice at the Tavern. A register and copy of all staff training credentials will be kept on the premises by management and be available for inspection by NT Licensing or NT Police, if required.

All staff are required to renew their RSA training every three years and the licensee maintains a record of the currency of staff training in the Training Register.

Additionally, the licensee currently conducts regular on-site training for Tavern staff to ensure that their knowledge and skills are up to date and to the highest possible standards and this will continue to be the case if the current applications are favourably considered. These sessions include Staff Meetings during which the Licensee will provide staff with updated information regarding Liquor Licensing Legislation and industry practices, as necessary.

As previously stated in this PIC document, all staff will be trained in the use of the BDR.

It is noted that the applicant licensee has been successfully operating a liquor licence with a Public Bar Authority and a Late-Night Authority, in the same location with the same operating hours, and

maintaining staff training and processes and has had no compliance issues with any of the relevant legislation.

2.11 CREDIT IN THE SALE OF LIQUOR

Section 49 (2)(h) - *preventing the giving of credit in sales of liquor to people.*

The applicant will control and limit the use of credit cards in alignment with the requirements under the legislation. Furthermore, the licensee:

- ... Will refuse the supply of liquor on credit.
- ... Ensure the name on any debit or credit card used to purchase liquor accurately reflects the identification of the person/s purchasing liquor.
- ... If there is any doubt as to the identity of the person concerned, the patron is required to produce a secondary form of identification.

2.12 IRRESPONSIBLE AND INAPPROPRIATE DRINKING

Section 49 (2)(i) - *preventing practices that encourage irresponsible drinking.*

Section 49 (3)(c) - *the risk of harm from the excessive or inappropriate consumption of liquor*

The applicant for the Takeaway Authority is an experienced operator of licensed venues.

The licensee trades the venue for on-premises consumption in-line with the Code of Practice for the Responsible Advertising and Promotion of Liquor. Compliance with these requirements will also apply to the manner in which the licensee manages the supply of Takeaway Liquor.

Compliance with conditions endorsed on the liquor licence and the required Code, legislative obligations and procedures implemented by the licensee will ensure the venue is continued to be operated compliantly, with the addition of a Takeaway Authority.

The licensee will provide a range of non-alcoholic and light or low strength alcoholic drinks for patrons to purchase.

Free drinking water will be readily accessible and available from the bar.

All alcohol will be provided in standard drinking vessels for on-premises consumption and standard appropriate containers used for takeaway liquor.

All RSA practices are required to be complied with whether the alcohol is supplied as part of general trade or at a function that may be hosted on the premises, whether it be a private event or open to the public.

Staff will ensure that patrons do not 'stockpile' drinks.

The licensee will not engage in any promotional activities that encourage the rapid or excessive consumption of alcohol or any activities that are likely to promote the irresponsible service or supply of alcohol.

2.13 NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE LIMITS

Section 49 (4) - *The Commission may mitigate a possible adverse impact on the community by issuing a licence or an authority with conditions that limit any of the following.*

2.13.1 TYPES OF LIQUOR SOLD

Section 49 (4)(a) - *the kinds of liquor that may be sold or served.*

The applicant has accepted all of the relevant conditions, including operating hours, that are currently endorsed on the Liquor Licence being Substituted and Transferred. As part of the process, the Restaurant Bar, BYO, and Late-Night Authorities and any conditions relating to these specific Authorities will be surrendered.

The premise will continue to trade in line with the venues conditions which have been aligned with the location of the venue. The applicant will ensure that all services are provided in accordance with regulations and community expectations.

The licensee is willing to accept the Commission endorsing a condition on both the Coolalinga Tavern and Stonehouse Wine and Kitchen Liquor Licenses that confirms that a breach of one licence constitutes a breach of the other licence. This will provide the Commission and the Director with certainty as it relates to who is responsible for compliance and liable for any breach, should there be one.

2.13.2 MANNER IN SALE OF LIQUOR

Section 49 (4)(b) - *the manner in which liquor may be sold or served.*

The licensee will continue to ensure that liquor is sold and supplied in a responsible manner and in-line with the Responsible Service of Alcohol protocols. All staff involved in the sale of liquor from the premises will be trained in the responsible service of alcohol. This is a practice that the Tavern venue currently conforms with as it relates to on-premises consumption, and the same level of compliance will be maintained for the sale of liquor for off-premises consumption.

2.13.3 CONTAINERS LIQUOR MAY BE SOLD IN

Section 49 (4)(c) - *the number or types of containers in which liquor may be sold or served.*

The licensee will ensure that liquor supplied for off-premises consumption is only provided in the correct types of containers.

2.14 DAYS AND TIMES LIQUOR MAY BE SOLD

Section 49 (4)(d) - *the days and times when liquor may be sold or served.*

If the application receives favourable consideration, the licensee will adhere to the approved hours of trading defined on the liquor licence.

The venue currently trades the following hours for on-premises consumption:

- ... Sunday to Thursday between the hours of 10am and 11.59pm
- ... Friday & Saturday between 10am and 2:00am

The applicant has requested the following trading hours for takeaway liquor sales, which reflect the hours currently approved for the Takeaway Authority:

- ... Sunday to Friday between the hours of 10:00 and 22:00
- ... Saturday and Public Holidays between the hours of 10:00 and 22:00
- ... No trading on Good Friday or Christmas Day

It is noted that the current liquor licence for Stone House Wine and Kitchen located in Darwin City, that is being relocated to Coolalinga, has approval to trade on Sundays which is in alignment with Schedule 3 of the NT Liquor Regulations and the licensee is not applying to vary the approved trading hours or conditions imposed.

2.15 NUMBER OF PERSONS ON PREMISES

Section 49 (4)(e) - *the number of persons who may be on or in licensed premises, a part of licensed premises or an adjacent area that is under the control of the licensee.*

The licensee will ensure the number of patrons at the premises at any one time does not exceed the number whereby the premises can operate safely and amenably, and the licensee will comply with the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service requirements as it relates to Fire safety requirements.

Fire exits will be kept clear and unobstructed, and staff will be made aware of the evacuation procedures in the event of an emergency. Management is committed to complying with fire safety requirements.

2.16 NATURE OF ENTERTAINMENT

Section 49 (4)(f) - *the nature of entertainment that may be provided on or in licensed premises or in an adjacent area that is under the control of the licensee.*

The CVT licence already has conditions endorsed on it relating to the provision of Entertainment and Noise Control.

The licensee complies with these conditions and will continue to do so.

The addition of a Takeaway Authority on the licence does not impact these conditions in any way.

Should the application be approved, the licensee will continue to comply with all conditions, requirements and guidelines published by the Director-General.

2.17 PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING LIQUOR

Section 49 (4)(g) - *any promotional activities in which drinks are offered on a complimentary basis or at reduced prices.*

The licensee will ensure that any promotional or advertising material for alcohol supply complies with the 'minimum sale price' requirements and does not offend the legislation.

The licensee will continue to ensure that advertising and promotional material regarding the sale of liquor for on-premises and off-premises consumption is approved by an authorised representative and complies with all requirements and restrictions imposed by legislation and/or the Code of Practice for the Responsible Advertising and Promotion of Liquor, or any condition imposed by the Commission.

The licensee will not engage in any promotions that encourage the rapid or excessive consumption of alcohol, or any activities that are likely to promote the irresponsible service of alcohol.

The licensee will not engage in any promotions of alcohol that are likely to appeal to younger people.

The licensee will ensure that all advertising or promotional material is considered acceptable to the community and it should not be offensive, indecent or discriminatory.

Staff are trained to be pro-active in monitoring patron behaviour and if staff believe that a patron is showing signs of intoxication then the patron will be refused any further service of alcohol, and they may be required to leave the premises. If the patron is permitted to remain on the premises, they may be offered water and they will be monitored to ensure that they do not obtain access to any further alcohol, especially by way of secondary supply.

2.18 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Section 49 (2)(j) - *reducing or limiting increases in anti-social behaviour.*

Whilst it is anticipated that the application will bring some increase in takeaway alcohol sales in the immediate area, the licensee is well versed in managing a licensed venue in the local area and is keenly aware of the potential risk factors posed by the prospect of the application being approved.

There are several mitigating factors which reduce the likelihood of anti-social behaviour occurring. The licensee will ensure the supply of liquor is undertaken in a responsible and safe manner, and additionally, the dominant demographic 'makeup' of the local area presents lower risk characteristics of alcohol induced anti-social behaviour.

The licensee will also ensure that staff are well trained to be able to supply liquor in a safe and responsible manner and security will be employed to assist the licensee in maintaining a safe environment in and around the premises.

Additionally, as previously indicated, all take away liquor sales will occur 'over the bar' which will provide an environment that allows for a somewhat heightened degree of assessment, of the purchase/sale process, by staff already engaging with patrons at the Tavern.

'Over the bar' takeaway liquor sales also provide an opportunity for staff to check and make assessments of the patron and their intended purchase in an environment that is different to a venue that is solely catering to takeaway liquor sales, such as a stand-alone bottle shop or drive-through operation. This sale process allows for more engagement with the patron. Further, the sale of liquor in this environment is expected to be of a lesser volume than a purchase made in a wholesale outlet. Staff will be trained to make assessments of the entire purchase process, not only assessing the intoxication level and behaviour of patrons but also considering such things as; the volume of liquor, the type of liquor and the frequency of purchase/s by the patron.

Engaging with the above practices and procedures will assist the licensee in providing a safe and secure environment, which will supply liquor for on and off-premises consumption in a responsible and safe manner, thus mitigating the potential adverse impacts on the local community, patrons and staff.

It is also noted that during the community consultation process, relating to the addition of the Takeaway Authority, respondents noted that they would prefer to spend money on a local business, rather than a large chain such as the Liquor Land and BWS. Therefore, overall alcohol sales in the area may not increase, but instead be purchased from somewhere else instead of the existing takeaway outlets.