

Director of Liquor Licensing

Decision Notice

MATTER:	Application for a Material Alteration
LICENSEE:	Crocosaurus Cove Pty Ltd
PREMISES:	The Tap on Mitchell 56 Mitchell Street Darwin City NT 0800 Australia
LICENCE NUMBER	80818038/FLL
LEGISLATION:	Part 4 Division 2 of the <i>Liquor Act 2019</i>
DECISION OF:	Director of Liquor Licensing
DATE OF DECISION:	9 September 2025

DECISION

1. For the reasons outlined below in accordance with section 97 of the *Liquor Act 2019* (the Act), and with reference to the delegations provided by the Northern Territory Liquor Commission (the Commission) dated 9 September 2025, as a delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director) I approve the application by Crocosaurus Cove Pty Ltd for the material alterations to the premises, being a change to an entrance to or an exit from the licensed premises in the manner below:
 - a. The licensed premises is to relocate the existing entrance and exit point 2 metres to the right to accommodate the installation of a wheelchair ramp.
 - b. The licensed premises is to install balustrades to limit patronage access to 1 entrance point.

REASONS

BACKGROUND

2. On 25 August 2025, an application was lodged by Crocosaurus Cove Pty Ltd for the premises situated at 56 Mitchell Street, Darwin City for which licence 80818038/FLL relates.
3. The application was for material alterations to the premises pursuant to section 95(1)(c) of the Act to make a change to an entrance to or an exit from the premises.
4. The matter, having been processed in accordance with the provisions of the Act, was referred to the Commission in the usual manner on 8 September 2025.

5. On 9 September 2025, the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission refused the referral returning it to the Director for determination under the delegations dated 4 July 2025 as she was satisfied this application fell within the matters which may now be dealt with under those delegations.

APPLICATION

6. The application included the materials prescribed by the Act.
7. There were no proposed changes to the conditions of the licence and the application was simple in nature and uncontroversial.

PUBLICATION & CONSULTATION

8. On 28 August 2025, a delegate of the Director determined the application was not required to be subject to the public notice requirements of section 96(4) of the Act.
9. Notification of the application was provided to those prescribed in subsections 96(6) and 96(6A) of the Act, with no adverse comments having been received from any party.

ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION

10. The works fall within the definition of a material alteration as they are a change to an entrance to, or an exit from, the premises¹.
11. The application is simple in nature in that the licensee is relocating the entrance point to accommodate the installation of a wheelchair ramp.
12. As submitted by the licensee, this alteration is to become more accessible to individuals with mobility issues and to marginally prevent patrons exiting the premises, from walking straight onto the road.
13. The premises already has less substantive barriers to road access in place, these secondary works will make them more substantive and provide a higher level of safety for those departing the premises.
14. There has been no opposition to this application and no adverse comments, nor any compliance issues with this licensee.
15. The licensee has also obtained the necessary approvals of the City of Darwin for the works.

Public interest and community impact requirements

16. In accordance with section 97 of the Act, I have considered the public interest and community impact requirements and am comfortably satisfied that the alteration will be in the public interest, and that it is unlikely it will have any adverse impact on the community.
17. The intention of the licensee is to ensure that patrons with mobility issues are able to enter and exit the licensed premises easily and safely.

¹ *Liquor Act 2019*, s95 (1) (c).

18. Section 3(4) of the Act requires a person exercising a power under this Act to have regard to both the primary and secondary purposes of the Act, with the primary purpose focussing on harm minimisation.
19. The proposed works clearly fall within the harm minimisation aspect, being physical harm to patrons as opposed to the liquor consumption considerations that are usually associated with the principle.
20. As required by that section this decision has been made in a manner consistent with those purposes.

REVIEW OF DECISION

21. Section 27(1) of the Act provides for those persons prescribed to seek a review of a delegate's decision by the Director.
22. An application for a review of a decision must be made to the Director within 28 days after written notice of the decision is given to the person, in the approved form stating the grounds on which it is made, and the facts relied on to establish the grounds.



Mark Wood
Delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing
9 September 2025