NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

DELEGATE OF DIRECTOR OF LIQUOR LICENSING

DECISION NOTICE

MATTER	Application for variation of the conditions of a liquor licence
LICENSEE	Football Northern Territory Incorporated (02339C/IA)
PREMISES	Football NT - Allstars Canteen
LICENCE NO.	FLL1345
ACTION OFFICER	Nouvelle Reed
REFERENCE	LNT2025/1078-0006
LEGISLATION	Section 110 of *Liquor Act 2109*

DECISION

1. For the reasons set out below and in accordance with section 112(2) of the *Liquor Act 2019* (the Act), as a delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director), I have determined to approve the variation of trading hours to the premises of Football Northern Territory Incorporated (the Applicant) trading as Football NT – Allstars canteen located 23 Abala Road MARRARA NT 0812 of liquor licence FLL1345.
2. The current approved hours of trade are amended to the following:

   Monday to Friday 16:00 hours to 23:59 hours
   Saturday and Sunday 11:00 hours to 23:59 hours
   No trade on Good Friday or Christmas Day
3. The varied licence will be issued immediately following the publication of this notice.

REASONS FOR DECISION

BACKGROUND

4. Football Northern Territory Incorporated (previously known as Football Federation Northern Territory Incorporated) has been a licensee for several years, having held a Special Liquor Licence SLL0563 and Continuing Special Licence CSL1002 under the *Liquor Act 1978*, until being issued a licence with a community club authority on 1 October 2020 through the conversion provisions of the *Liquor Act 2019*.

APPLICATION

5. On 26 May 2026, an application with all the required supporting documents was lodged with the Director by Mr James Peter (Nominee), on behalf of the licensee, to vary the current trading hours for the premises. The documents included:

   - Covering Letter – Jamie Monteith, CEO Football Northern Territory
   - Affidavit dated 27/5/2026 – Jamie Monteith, CEO Football Northern Territory;
   - Public Interest Community and Impact Assessment;
   - Summary of evidence;
   - Draft public notice;
   - Football Northern territory Canteen Operation Agreement; and
   - Receipt $120.00.

6. The substance of the application simple and is to vary the current trading hours to accommodate the changes to the days and times of senior fixtures.

Current Hours	**Proposed Hours**
Monday to Friday 18:00 – 21:30	Monday to Friday 16:00 – 23:59
Saturday 15:00 – 23:59	Saturday – 11:00 – 23:59
Sunday 18:00 – 21:30	Sunday 11:00 – 23:59

7. There were no other proposed changes to the conditions of the licence which will trade in the usual manner.

APPLICANT

Licensee

8. The licensee Football Northern Territory Incorporated (02339C/IA) has no issues of non-compliance and no concerns over their financial circumstances; no additional probity or examination of their appropriateness has been undertaken.

Nominee

9. Mr James Peter is the current licence nominee and has been assessed as fit and proper to hold that position.

Compliance

10. Licensing NT have no record of non-compliance under this Act for the current licensee with the last compliance visit completed on 20 May 2025 (Record No. C31522).

11. Having considered the material provided, I am satisfied the licensee and their nominee remain fit and proper persons to hold a licence and act as a nominee.

PUBLIC INTEREST AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

12. To determine whether the issue of the license is in the public interest, the Director is required to consider how the issue of the licence would advance the following objectives set out in s 49(2) of the Act.

13. The applicant provided the following statement to support their application:

    Football NT is a not-for-profit incorporated association and the peak body for football(soccer) in the Northern Territory. Larrakia Park – Darwin Football Stadium is the primary venue for competitive football matches across all age groups and skill levels in the Darwin region.

    The premises are located within Larrakia Park, a dedicated sporting precinct at 23 Abala Road, Marrara. The venue is set within a sporting environment rather than a residential or high-density area, reducing the likelihood of any adverse amenity impact on surrounding residents from the extended hours.

    Football NT is subject to ongoing regulatory oversight as a licensed entity and has obligations to comply with all conditions of the licence. The Community Club Authority structure provides an inherent layer of accountability given the membership-based access model.

14. In accordance with section 112 of the Act, I have considered the public interest and community impact requirements and am comfortably satisfied that the variation to hours will not be against public interest and is unlikely to have any adverse impact on the community.

PUBLICATION

15. Under section 111(1) of the Act, the Director may require the applicant to publish a notice of the application to vary the conditions of a licence or an authority if they consider it to be in the public interest.

16. The application was published in the NT News on Saturday 30 May 2026 and published on the Director's website for the required fourteen (14) days advertising period.

17. A green advertising sign was also displayed at the premises. Copies of the NT News, photographs of the green sign erect at the premises and Statement of Display have been retained by Licensing NT (LNT).

18. No objections were received to the application.

CONSULTATION

19. In accordance with the Act, the following were notified of the application:

    a. The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health (NT Health)

    b. The Commissioner of Police (NTP)

    c. Chief Executive Officer of City of Darwin

20. NT Fire & Rescue Service (NTFRS) was also notified of the application, however, had not provided a response at the time of referral.

21. No comments or objections were received in respect of the application.

22. The Director is satisfied that public notice of the application was given and consultation was undertaken in accordance with of the Act

ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION

23. When considering an application to vary the conditions of a licence, the Direct must consider the following:

    a. the affidavit required by section 54;

    b. any objection to the application under section 61;

    c. the public interest and community impact requirements;

    d. the suitability of the premises to be licensed, having regard to any law of the Territory regulating the sale, supply, service or consumption of liquor or the location, construction or facilities

    e. the financial stability and business reputation of Football Northern Territory Incorporated;

    f. the general reputation and character of applicant; and

    g. whether the application, including the nominee designated, is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

24. Taking these matters into consideration the Director finds:

    a. the applicant complies with section 53(1) of the Act, which requires that a body corporate shall not hold a licence unless it is a corporation;

    b. the applicant has complied with the disclosure requirements of s54 as to who may be able to influence the applicant or expect and benefit.

    c. the applicant and nominee Mr Peter are fit and proper, having received no evident to the contrary;

    d. variation of the trading hours is in public interest and will not have a significant adverse impact on the community; and

    e. there has been no opposition to the application and no adverse comments, nor any compliance issues with the licensee.

25. Having also had regard to the purposes of the Act as set out under section 3, the Director has determined to vary the conditions of licence in the terms outlined at the commencement of this Decision Notice.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

26. Section 31(1) read with section 60(3) of the Act provides that the decision set out in his decision notice is reviewable by Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal ("NTCAT"). Section 94(3) of the NTCAT Act provides that an application for eview of a reviewable decision must be lodged within 28 days of the date of the decision.

27. In accordance with section 31(2) of the Act, the persons who may apply to NTCAT for a review of the decision are the Director and the Licensee.

Mark Wood
Delegate of Director of Liquor Licensing
23 June 2026