

Director of Liquor Licensing

Decision Notice

MATTER	Cancellation of liquor licence
LICENSEE	Darwin Basketball Association Incorporated (00316C)
LICENCE NO	FLL1290
PREMISES	Darwin Basketball Lot 220 Abala Road MARRARA NT 0812
LEGISLATION	Section 80 of Liquor Act 2019
DECISION OF	Delegate of the Director Liquor Licensing
DATE	13 August 2026

BACKGROUND

1. On 20 July 2020, Darwin Basketball Association (DBA) Incorporated was granted liquor licence FLL1290 for the premises known as the Darwin Basketball, located at Lot 220 Abala Road MARRARA NT 0812. **(Attachment A)**.
2. As a result of the non-payment of the 2026 Risk-Based Licence (RBL) fees - Invoice No. 759004249 \$60.18. Licensing NT (LNT) attempted on several occasions to contact licensee and nominee in relation to the outstanding debt with no result.
(Attachment B as a bundle)
3. As a result of a media release LNT became aware that DBA had submitted to Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) "*Notice of Deemed Special Resolution to Wind up a company*" with Rodgers Reidy NT appointed as the liquidator. **(Attachment C)**
4. As per section 79 of the *Liquor Act 2019* (the Act), a licensee must, in the approved form, notify the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director) if the licensee; becomes bankrupt; or applies to take the benefit of a law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or compounds with the licensee's creditors or makes an assignment of the licensee's property, interest or remuneration for the benefit of licensee's creditors. The licensee did not notify the Director as obligated pursuant to section 79 of the Act.

5. On 20 March 2026 a Show Cause Notice – cancellation of licence on insolvency – section 80 of the *Liquor Act 2019* was sent to Mr Manoj Goonesekera Rogers Reidy NT for Darwin Basketball Association Incorporated (in liquidation) advising of *“the Director’s intention to exercise their powers under section 80 of the Act to cancel the licence. Before the Director exercises this discretion, you are invited to make any submission you wish in relation to this matter”*. **(Attachment D – Letter dated 20 March 2026)**
6. On 26 March 2026, De Silva Hebron emailed LNT to advise they were acting on behalf of DBA’s liquidators to explore options for transferring the licence to Basketball NT (BNT). LNT responded stating *“We would be open to a transfer, the issue for us is the absence of notification or any contact we have had from the parties. Also, the annual fee has not been paid, so any transfer would be contingent on BNT paying the invoice (approximately \$60)”*.
7. Further to correspondence received from LNT, Mr David De Silva confirmed on 23 April 2026 that the liquidators were willing to relinquish the licence.
(Attachment E as a bundle)

CURRENT SITUATION

8. On 15 July 2026 BNT formally advised LNT that they did not intend to apply for a transfer of liquor licence FLL1290 as the premises (canteen) are now being operated by Allstars Canteen & Catering - Darwin Basketball. **(Attachment F)**
9. An application was submitted by JSCI PTY LTD - Allstars Canteen & Catering - Darwin Basketball on 21 July 2026 applying for a licence with a sporting event authority and a catering authority which was approved on 5 August 2026. Liquor Licence FLL2997 refers.
10. As of the date of this report no further correspondence has been received from De Silva Hebron or Rodgers Reidy NT.

RECOMMENDATION

11. The Delegate of the Director:
 - a) Pursuant to section 80(1)(a) Liquor Licence number 80817804 cancel liquor licence FLL1290. cancelled in accordance with section 80(1)(a) of the Act.
 - b) Sign and issue to all interested parties Certificate of Cancellation.



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Licensing Officer – Licensing NT

DECISION – LIQUOR LICENCE

1. As a delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing, I have considered the matters required to be considered in making this determination and approve the cancellation of liquor licence FLL1290 on the basis that no formal response was provided by any party in relation to the notice, and another licence has been issued to an operator for the premises.

APPROVED / ~~NOT APPROVED~~

2. Pursuant to section 80 of the *Liquor Act 2019*, issue certificate of transfer.

SIGNED / ~~NOT SIGNED~~



Mark Wood

Southern Region Manager – Licensing & Compliance

Delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing