

Delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing

Decision Notice

MATTER:	Application for variations of the conditions of a liquor licence
LICENSEE:	Northern Territory Prison Officers (Social Club Alice Springs) Association Incorporated
PREMISES:	Alice Springs Prison Officer's Social Club Lot 8072 Larapinta Drive LARAPINTA
LEGISLATION:	<i>Liquor Act 2019</i> - Part 4 Division 5
DECISION OF:	Delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing
DATE OF DECISION:	26 March 2026

DECISION

1. For the reasons outlined below, in accordance with section 112(1)(a) of the *Liquor Act 2019* (the Act) and with reference to the delegations provided to me by the Northern Territory Liquor Commission (the Commission) dated 4 July 2025, as a delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing (the Director), I approve the application by Northern Territory Prison Officers (Social Club Alice Springs) Association Incorporated to vary the conditions of their liquor licence 81417683 by removing the following condition:

Road Safety

The Licensee shall erect and maintain a "speed-hump" and a "regulation stop sign" and do so subject to the satisfaction of all relevant authorities including the Director of Liquor Licensing.

2. No other changes are made to the licence or authority.

REASONS

BACKGROUND

3. The licence was granted with the condition placed on the licence from the outset.
4. It has recently been identified what is erected at the site is a "GIVE WAY" sign rather than a "STOP" sign placing the licensee in the position of technical non-compliance.
5. Inquiries were made by an inspector which prompted this application to vary the condition by substituting the words "GIVE WAY" for "STOP".
6. The licensee did not seek the removal of the condition, nor any other changes to the condition.
7. The matter having been lodged and processed in accordance with the provisions of the Act, was referred to this delegate of the Director in the usual manner on 26 March 2026.

8. For completeness, the discretion was exercised to exempt this matter from the public notice requirements pursuant to section 57(2A) of the Act.
9. On 4 July 2025, the Commission delegated additional matters to the Director for determination and this application falls within the matters which may now be dealt with under those delegations.
10. Accordingly, this matter may be determined under delegation.

APPLICATION

11. The application included the materials prescribed by the Act including suitable supporting materials.
12. The application is minimal in nature, being the substitution of wording to reflect the actual signage at the site imposed in the special conditions of the licence when granted.
13. There were no other proposed changes to the conditions of the licence.

PUBLICATION & CONSULTATION

14. The licensee was not required to publish notice of the application given the nature of the matter and the isolated location of the premises.
15. Notification of the application was provided to those prescribed in section 111(3) of the Act, with no adverse comments having been received from any party.

ASSESSMENT OF THE APPLICATION

16. The application was to substitute the signage to be in place, however in considering this matter it is also noted the condition reads:

“...subject to the satisfaction of all relevant authorities including the Director of Liquor Licensing.”
17. This provides a discretion to the relevant authorities and the Director in terms of the signage requirement.
18. As part of the investigation of the matter an inspector contacted the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure (DLI) to request that the existing “GIVE WAY” sign be replaced with a “STOP” sign as referenced in the special condition.
19. On 7 April 2026, a Traffic Engineer from the department stated:

“In examining the access from aerial imagery and street level imagery, there is no warrant for this access onto Larapinta Drive to have a stop control installed. The sight lines are more than what is required for the posted speed limit on Larapinta Drive.”
20. The Director defers to the Traffic Engineer in this matter who has assessed the needs at the entrance to the premises and determined the above.
21. There is a painted line at the intersection and also the “GIVE WAY” sign, with no suggestion there will be any changes to these.

22. It is on that basis there appears to be no requirement for the condition, and as a delegate I am therefore of the belief it is appropriate to remove it from the licence rather than amending it as originally sought.
23. There has been no opposition to this application and no adverse comments, nor any compliance issues with this licensee, other than the apparent long-standing technical breach of the condition that has previously gone unnoticed.

Public interest and community impact requirements

24. In accordance with section 97 of the Act, I have considered the public interest and community impact requirements and am comfortably satisfied that the removal of the condition will not be against the public interest, and is unlikely to have any adverse impact on the community.
25. 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.
26. As required by that section this decision has been made in a manner consistent with those purposes.

REVIEW OF DECISION

27. Section 27 of the Act provides any decision of a delegate of the Director is reviewable by the Director with subsection (1) prescribing the persons who may apply for a review of the decision.
28. 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 form approved by the Director stating the grounds on which it is made and the facts relied on to establish the grounds.
29. This persons who may seek a review of this matter, with reference to section 27(1) of the Act, the licensee, the inspector and the Department of Logistics and Infrastructure.



Mark Wood
Delegate of the Director of Liquor Licensing

26 March 2026