



# SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY

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Mr Peter Minchin  
Director of Liquor Control and Arbitration  
Department of Local, Government Sport and Cultural Industries  
Gordon Stephenson House  
140 William Street, Perth, WA 6000

Dear Mr Peter Minchin,

## **Proposed changes to Section 64 Sale of Packaged Liquor restrictions**

I refer to our previous submission to you in September 2020 regarding the above and write to advise that at the last Kununurra and Wyndham Alcohol Accord Meeting several of the licensees expressed concern with being provided appropriate time to respond to the proposed changes to the Section 64 packaged liquor restrictions across the Kimberley and I understand that they have separately contacted you for this purpose. The Council wishes to echo their concerns, particularly given the impacts already experienced by region's hospitality and tourism industry.

Similar to our previous submission in regards of this matter, the Council reiterates its concern over the introduction of additional changes to the Section 64 restrictions, given the wider ramifications for business and the community and also with respect to the current efforts put in place by the WA Government to implement the Voluntary Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) trial, which is strongly supported by the Kimberley Group of Councils. The Council, furthermore, believes that any new changes, such as that proposed, needs to be fully communicated to local business and the community for their input.

If you have any queries or need further clarification with respect to the above, please contact Nick Kearns, Director Planning and Community Development on 0407 600 081 or by email: [nick.kearns@swek.wa.gov.au](mailto:nick.kearns@swek.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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