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Dear Sir/Madam

THE AVAILABILITY OF PACKAGED LIQUOR IN DERBY, BROOME, KUNUNURRA AND WYNDHAM

On 28 May 2019, the Commissioner of Police (Commissioner) submitted a report to the Director of Liquor Licensing seeking restrictions on the sale of packaged liquor, pursuant to section 64 of the *Liquor Control Act 1988* (the Act), in respect of licensed premises situated in the towns of Derby, Broome, Kununurra and Wyndham.

According to the Commissioner, excessive levels of harm due to the use of liquor is occurring in the Kimberley region, particularly in terms of domestic violence, child abuse, indecent and sexual assaults, drink driving and anti-social behaviour. Crime data presented by the Commissioner for each of the above towns, from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2018, shows that the total rates of relevant alcohol-related offences are significantly above the State, Metropolitan and Regional averages. In addition, there was a significant increase in family assaults and family threatening behaviour during this period.

As a consequence of this report, I propose to commence an inquiry to determine whether restrictions should be imposed on the availability of packaged liquor in these towns.

To help inform the inquiry, you are invited to make submissions and provide evidence on the extent and impact of alcohol related harm in the towns and surrounding communities. In addition, information on the services and programs you provide in these towns would be of assistance. It would be appreciated if you could coordinate responses on behalf of your local stakeholders.

Any submission you wish to provide should be lodged with this office by **30 September 2020**.

Please note that all submissions and evidence I receive must be made available to the affected licensees who will be afforded an opportunity to respond and make their own submissions.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Ms Seema Saxena on (08) 6551 4880.

Yours faithfully

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DIRECTOR LIQUOR CONTROL AND ARBITRATION

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