

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

**LIQUOR AMENDMENT (COMMUNITY ALCOHOL PLAN)
REGULATIONS 2023**

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I, Hugh Crosbie Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Liquor Act 2019*.

Responsible Minister:

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Minister for Alcohol Policy

H. C. HEGGIE
Administrator

Date of making: 19 April 2023

1 Title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Liquor Amendment (Community Alcohol Plan) Regulations 2023*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day after the day on which they are made.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Liquor Regulations 2019*.

4 Part 6B inserted

After regulation 111A

insert

Part 6B Community alcohol plans**111B Content of community alcohol plan**

- (1) A community alcohol plan must specify the area to which the plan applies.
- (2) A community alcohol plan must include measures aimed at:
 - (a) managing the supply of alcohol in the community; and
 - (b) reducing demand for alcohol in the community; and
 - (c) reducing harm or risks of harm that may be caused by the consumption of alcohol in the community.

Examples for subregulation (2)(a)

- 1 *Establishment of a community club in the community.*
- 2 *Establishment of a community safety plan for the community.*

Examples for subregulation (2)(b)

- 1 *Provision of resources for intervention, detoxification and treatment of alcohol dependent drinkers.*
- 2 *Provision of sport, music, youth or other diversion activities in the community.*

Examples for subregulation (2)(c)

- 1 *Provision of patrols in the community.*

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- 2 *Provision of alcohol and other drug treatment and rehabilitation programs in the community.*
 - 3 *Provision of women's shelters and safe houses.*
 - 4 *Provision of educational and therapeutic interventions in respect of alcohol-related violence.*
 - 5 *Availability of police resources in the community.*

(3) A community alcohol plan must include information about the following:

- (a) how the plan will be implemented and managed by the community;
- (b) who is responsible for implementing and managing the measures included in the plan;
- (c) the status of each measure included in the plan;
- (d) how progress on implementing the plan will be communicated to the members of the community and other stakeholders;
- (e) the information required under regulations 111C, 111D and 111F or 111G.

111C Consultation on community alcohol plan

- (1) A person preparing a community alcohol plan for a community must consult with and consider the views of the following:
 - (a) the residents of the community, including each of the following groups of residents:
 - (i) women;
 - (ii) young people;
 - (iii) vulnerable people;
 - (b) representatives of local government for the community;
 - (c) providers or proposed providers of education and health services, including alcohol and other drugs services, in the community;
 - (d) representatives of the Agencies principally responsible for child protection, justice and police;
 - (e) operators of businesses and services in the community;

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- (f) a person or group listed as responsible for implementing a measure in the community alcohol plan.
- (2) Consultation under subregulation (1) must be conducted in a manner that is:
- (a) appropriate to the particular community; and
 - (b) responsive to the needs of different groups in the community; and
 - (c) free of intimidation, coercion and bullying.

Note for subregulation (2)

Different groups and people may need to be consulted with in different manners.

111D Support for community alcohol plan

A community alcohol plan must:

- (a) specify the number of adults who permanently reside in the community; and
- (b) include information as to how the number specified under paragraph (a) was determined; and
- (c) specify the percentage or number of adults who permanently reside in the community who support the community alcohol plan.

Example for paragraph (b)

1 Electoral roll data.

2 Information from local housing providers.

111E Manner of seeking support for community alcohol plan

- (1) For this regulation, the number of adult residents in a community is the number of adult residents in the community according to the most recently available census data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- (2) Support for a community alcohol plan for a community with more than 50 adult residents must be sought under regulation 111F.
- (3) Support for a community alcohol plan for a community with 50 or fewer adult residents must be sought under regulation 111F or 111G.

111F Ballots

- (1) Support for a community alcohol plan under this regulation is to be determined by a ballot of adults who permanently reside in the community.
- (2) A ballot conducted under subregulation (1) must:
 - (a) give voters a reasonable opportunity to vote; and
 - (b) be conducted in a manner that ensures voters are able to vote without intimidation, coercion or bullying.
- (3) The community alcohol plan must include information about the ballot process, including information about the measures taken under subregulation (2).

111G Written support

- (1) Support for a community alcohol plan under this regulation is to be determined by recording the name and signature of each adult who permanently resides in the community who supports the plan.
- (2) Measures must be put in place so that community members are not intimidated, coerced or bullied into supporting or not supporting the community alcohol plan.

Example for subregulation (2)

Community members are given an opportunity to consider and sign the plan away from other community members.

- (3) The community alcohol plan must include information about the measures put in place under subregulation (2).
- (4) The community alcohol plan must be accompanied by a document that includes:
 - (a) the name of each adult who permanently resides in the community; and
 - (b) the signature of each adult who permanently resides in the community who supports the community alcohol plan.

111H Review of implementation of community alcohol plans

The Director must review a community alcohol plan for a community within 12 months after the interim alcohol protected area for the community is revoked.

111J Repeal of Part

This Part is repealed on the day Part 8, Division 1 of the Act is repealed.

5 Repeal of Regulations

These Regulations are repealed on the day after they commence.