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The Secretary
NT Legislative Scrutiny Committee
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Via email: LSC@nt.gov.au

Dear Secretary,

Northern Territory Liquor Amendment Bill 2026 consultation

Endeavour Group Limited (**Endeavour**) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Northern Territory (**NT**) Legislative Scrutiny Committee (**the Committee**) related to the Liquor Amendment Bill 2026 (**the Bill**).

Endeavour has operated in the NT in one form or another for more than 60 years. We currently have approximately 300 team members across our six hotels and 16 BWS stores, mainly in Darwin-Palmerston, but also in stores across the Territory, including in Alice Springs.

We consider a liquor licence in any community to be a privilege that comes with it a significant responsibility to ensure the highest standards are met and that evolving community challenges and expectations are delivered. Endeavour therefore works closely with the NT Government, local authorities, councils and other stakeholders to contribute to efforts to improve the operating environment for licence holders, communities and customers.

In providing feedback to the Bill, Endeavour supports the Government in its efforts to modernise and simplify the Liquor Act (**the Act**), making it simpler for licence holders and regulators to work in what is already an ever-changing and often challenging environment in the NT. Above all, we are committed to the safety of our team, customers and community and our proposals for the Bill keep measures to enhance these priorities at the forefront.

Overall, we broadly support the submission made by Retail Drinks Australia (**RDA**) (**attached**) to the Committee, however, would like to provide additional context to some specific aspects of the Bill, namely relating to licence conditions amendments and new emergency powers. It is in these aspects where our national scope and specific understanding as Australia's largest liquor retailer are able to provide additional information to the Committee.

We have outlined these additional perspectives in the table below:

Relevant Part	Response
Variation of licence conditions Clause 17; new section 113A	The Bill as drafted allows the Commission to vary conditions of a licence to make an administrative amendment. While we support this, given the operational relationship licencees have with NT Licensing, we propose that this clause be amended to allow Licensing NT to instead make variation to administrative conditions. Already, Licensing NT supports the Liquor Commission by processing liquor applications, investigating complaints, monitoring licensed venues



	and events, enforcing liquor laws and referring matters to the Liquor Commission for determination. By allowing administrative licensing matters to be amended by Licensing NT, the Government has an opportunity to further streamline licensing matters in the NT.
Police power to suspend licence or authority Clause 26, new section 258(1)	The Bill as drafted gives additional powers to the Commissioner for Police to suspend a licence if alcohol related violence, riotous conduct or a breach of the peace occurs "in the vicinity" of the licensed premises. While we note the additional requirements to provide reasonable steps to prevent the conduct, we would like to better understand the policy intent behind the amendment and specifically the inclusion of "alcohol related violence" as a qualifying factor. Given our experience in working closely with local communities and NT Police in areas like Alice Springs recently, we believe the current situation of amending opening hours and changing policies depending on current community needs is appropriate and is working in practice to the benefit of the public. Any change to this protocol extends police powers, risking penalising highly qualified licensees for matters beyond their control and without proper appeal mechanisms.

Beyond the matters included above, we look forward to continuing our strong relationship with the Government on matters outside the Bill's remit. Particularly, while we support the continuing takeaway licence moratorium (currently in place under section 84 of the Act), we would like to engage on how this moratorium applies to new commercial developments and growing retail precincts - particularly around greenfields housing developments as the Territory grows.

Endeavour appreciates the opportunity to provide input and looks forward to further consultation with you on the matters raised above. If you have any questions or requests for further information related to the submission, please contact **Stuart Totham**, Senior Manager Government Relations & Community on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED].

Yours Sincerely

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