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Dear Mr Riley

Re: Opposition Submission to the Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review

For your review, attached please find the Northern Territory Opposition's submission to the Northern Territory Alcohol Policies and Legislation Review.

As outlined in the submission, the Opposition believes that implementing whole-of-government, and indeed whole-of-community, solutions to decreasing alcohol-related harm in the Territory is an issue of paramount importance. Successive governments have confronted health, social and criminological impacts of alcohol misuse, but meaningful and lasting success has remained elusive.

The time has come to put aside partisan politics and implement policies that have a basis in evidence, which can then be tested by independent evaluation in order to scientifically determine the effectiveness of implemented initiatives. Programs that are shown not to benefit Territorians should be altered or abandoned, as appropriate and a system of continuous improvement should be adopted with regard to alcohol policy.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

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