

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 59
of the Local Government Act 2008

ORDINARY MEETING LATE AGENDA ITEM 13.1

KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL



TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2013

ORDINARY MEETING

At 6.00pm

**Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine**

DAVID LAUGHER
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



REPORT

FOLDER: Government Relations / Legislation / Alcohol - Drugs - Petrol Sniffing

MEETING: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 26 NOVEMBER 2013

REPORT TITLE: ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION – LOW LEVEL

Purpose of Report

To consider a request and determine a formal position of Council in respect to a proposal to remove the excision that currently exists at the Low Level which allows people to consume alcohol there.

Report

An excision application was previously made by (a past) Katherine Town Council to exempt the Low Level from the alcohol restrictions prohibiting alcohol consumption in a public place within the town boundaries.

In more recent times the area has become a significant focus for unlawful camping and more particularly alcohol consumption, with associated public disorder and substantial damage and littering.

The area is (largely) managed by the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment. This Department, in conjunction with the Northern Territory Police, are seeking as a matter of urgency to bring an application before the Licencing Commission to remove the excision and provide clarity of powers for the Police to act in relation to the alcohol consumption issues.

The impact of such a decision would be that functions in that reserve (weddings, birthdays, etc) would require a liquor licence if alcohol was to be consumed, however that process applies for all other public open space and should not unnecessarily inconvenience patrons.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Determine to remove the excision that currently exists at the Low Level which allows people to consume alcohol there.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Laugher'.

David Laugher
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Delegation: Chief Executive Officer David Laugher
Attachments: Nil