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Statement

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONERS CALLS FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITIES ON LIQUOR LAWS

The A/ NT Children's Commissioner stands with the Health, Justice and Community organisations calling for greater consultation with Aboriginal communities following the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly passing new *Liquor Act* amendments this week.

It is crucial that the NT Government works with Aboriginal communities, medical services, justice organisations and police, to ensure that strong alcohol management plans are in place. The safety and health of children and families in remote communities must be prioritised.

Nicole Hucks, A/ NT Children's Commissioner:

- Alcohol's role in family violence is well documented, as are the ongoing impacts of violence on the children of the Territory.
- The need for ongoing consultation and assessment of this decision cannot be overstated. We need local community-led approaches.

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