

NORTHERN TERRITORY LICENSING COMMISSION

REASONS FOR DECISION

PREMISES: ALICE SPRINGS PLAZA HOTEL

LICENSEE: CJHA Wonderland Pty Ltd

LICENCE NUMBER: 80303189

NOMINEE: Mr Benjamin Maydom

PROCEEDING: Complaint Pursuant to Section 48 of the *Liquor Act* - Breach of Section 110

HEARD BEFORE: Mr Richard O'Sullivan (Chairman)
Mrs Jane Large
Ms Helen Kilgariff

DATE OF HEARING: 10 December 2007

DATE OF DECISION: 10 December 2007

APPEARANCES: Mr Ben O'Loughlin for the Licensee
Mr John Oliver for Northern Territory Fire
and Rescue Service
Senior Inspector Tony O'Donohoe
for the Director of Licensing

DECISION

1. The Commission determined to dismiss the complaint on the technical ground that the complaint advised by the Senior Licensing Inspector to the Licensee on 24 July 2007 was within the specified time period for the Licensee to remedy the defects advised on the Notice to Owner/Occupier prepared on 13 July 2007.
2. Additionally the Commission noted that the Building Inspection Report similarly gave a one (1) month period for action to be undertaken on the issues raised.

COMMISSION CONCERNS

3. Despite dismissing the complaint lodged pursuant to Section 48 of the *Liquor Act* on the grounds outlined above, the Commission expresses its concern that adherence to fire and safety requirements and instructions had been inadequately addressed. Fire safety measures must be treated seriously by all responsible Licensees and given the tardy or lack of response evidenced during hearing over a period of several months, the Commission urges regular inspections be carried out by the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service.

Richard O'Sullivan
CHAIRMAN

10 December 2007