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NEW TAKEAWAYS RESTRICTED AS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR LAWS TAKE EFFECT

Two new measures to curb alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour are being introduced across the Territory, Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing Syd Stirling announced today.

In a major effort to tackle alcohol abuse, the Territory Government will join with the Licensing Commission to place a 12 month moratorium on the issuing of takeaway licences throughout the Territory, effective from today.

Furthermore, takeaway licences will only be issued to hotels and clubs following the end of the moratorium.

“The Government believes that the twelve month moratorium gives everyone some breathing space while we sort through local area alcohol management plans across the Territory,” said Minister Stirling.

“This means that no new takeaway licences will be issued and importantly, gives us the opportunity to consult with the community and industry in the development of long term solutions to alcohol abuse.

“Current applications will be determined, but after that no more takeaway licences will be issued for twelve months.

“Most importantly, the Government will then use a revamped Liquor Act to extend the ban on new takeaways except for hotels and clubs.

“What this means is that grocery stores, supermarkets, service stations, delicatessens and other such premises will not be able to apply for takeaway liquor licences.

Mr Stirling said that the Government’s new anti-social behaviour laws are coming into effect this month.

“These new laws will give the community the tools to tackle bad behaviour from drunks. These laws are not about stopping people from having a good time on a Friday night but focus our efforts on changing the behaviour of hard core drinkers.

“These plans give all of us the best opportunity to provide lasting solutions to problems that have plagued our communities for many years.”

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