

# Liquor Restricted Areas

## The Facts

The Northern Territory *Liquor Act* provides that the Northern Territory Licensing Commission can declare any of the following liquor restrictions:

- **Private Restricted Premises** to prevent bringing, possessing or consuming liquor in a private premise (including a Territory Housing home).
- **Public Restricted Area** to prevent the consumption of liquor in public areas such as Alice Springs town without a permit.
- **General Restricted Area** to prevent the bringing, possessing or having control of liquor, consuming, selling or otherwise disposing of liquor without a permit or licence.

The *Liquor Legislation Amendment Act 2007* provides that the Northern Territory Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing can now declare a **Special Restricted Area**. This prevents bringing, possessing, supplying or engaging in conduct for supply, consuming or disposing of liquor in any designated area, for example, a town camp.

The *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007* which amends the Northern Territory *Liquor Act* introduces the **Commonwealth Prescribed Areas**. This has the same liquor restrictions as a 'General Restricted Area'.

### Penalties for Breaches of Restricted Areas

Type of Restricted Area	Maximum Penalties
Private Restricted Premise	\$500
Public Restricted Area	\$500
General Restricted Area	First offence - \$1,000 or 6 months jail. Second or subsequent offence - \$2,000 or 12 months jail.
Special Restricted Area	\$1000 or 6 months jail.
Commonwealth Prescribed Area	<p><b>Bring, possess, control or consume liquor in that area:</b> First offence – \$1,100. Second or subsequent offence – \$2,200.</p> <p><b>Supply, possess, transport liquor for a third person in that area:</b> First offence - \$1,100 Second or subsequent offence – \$2,200.</p> <p><b>If the quantity of pure alcohol in the liquor involved is greater than 1,350ml and the offence involves supply / intended supply to a third person:</b> \$74,800 and / or 18 months jail.</p>