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Dear Mr Samuel

I note the ACCC is currently reviewing an application for authorisation of possibly anti-competition conduct from the Casuarina Precinct Stakeholders Committee.

One of the submissions lodged with the ACCC in relation to this matter needs some clarification.

The NT Branch of the Liquor Stores Association suggested that action by the Northern Territory Licensing Commission (NTLC) might obviate the need for the authorisation being sought.

The NTLC is indeed conducting an evaluation of the appropriateness of bans in relation to the sale of a range of potentially harmful liquor products. The process of consultation is complete and the NTLC is currently reviewing the material available.

While it is possible that the proposed arrangement would be influenced by a wholesale ban, the NTLC has not formed a view that such a ban is needed.

The Government has recently announced it will be putting legislation to the NT Parliament that facilitates accords. The NTLC will also consider the impact of supply mechanisms authorised by such accords.

I trust this information assists the Commission in its deliberation. I am available to discuss this matter further and can be contacted on 08 8999 7918.

Yours sincerely

Micheil Brodie
Executive Director
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