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# NT Greens Alcohol Policy

Adopted

## **Principles:** The NT Greens acknowledge that:

- 1 Excessive consumption of alcohol causes considerable harm to all sectors of society. This harm includes the long term health effects of alcohol excess. It also includes domestic and family violence and other forms of violence and trauma (in particular road trauma).
- 2 Through its contribution to social dysfunction and through the legacy of foetal alcohol syndrome alcohol causes intergenerational harm.
- 3 The burden of alcohol related harm is not distributed equally amongst society. The most disempowered members often suffer the greatest harm.
- 4 Current NT government policies which include prohibited areas, temporary beat locations and alcohol prohibition orders are unsustainable and discriminatory. Furthermore, by criminalising the consumption of alcohol they further penalise some of the most disempowered measures of society.

## **Measures:** The NT Greens will:

- 5 Recognise the need to replace the current discriminatory measures with measures which will minimize the harmful effects of alcohol throughout the entire community.
- 6 Efforts should be concentrated on primary and secondary prevention and harm minimisation.
- 7 Demand that data is gathered, analysed and made public so that the effects of alcohol policy can be assessed and debated by the community.
- 8 Call for a minimum floor price on alcohol.

- 9 Call for the re-introduction of the banned drinkers register as a cost effective and non-discriminatory strategy.
- 10 Call for restrictions to trading hours as required to reduce harm.
- 11 Call for an end to the expensive and largely ineffective policy of mandatory rehabilitation.
- 12 Call for increased funding and better access to voluntary alcohol rehabilitation.
- 13 Demand that political donations from alcohol retailers and manufacturers be banned.