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Dear Mr Minchin

Availability of Packaged Liquor in Karratha and Surrounding Communities

I refer to your letter dated 10 November seeking submissions in relation to the inquiry into whether further restrictions should be imposed on the availability of alcohol in affected communities. It is understood that this inquiry will focus on towns within Karratha, as well as Pannawonica which is located in the Shire of Ashburton.

The City of Karratha undertook a survey of residents to seek their views on the implementation of a Takeaway Alcohol Management System, together with further restrictions on sale of takeaway alcohol. The survey was open from 23 December 2016 to 18 February 2017 with 968 responses being received from residents.

The survey was presented to Council at its 20 March 2017 meeting where it was resolved that based on the results of the Community Survey undertaken, the City of Karratha does not support further liquor restrictions as:

- a) The majority of the community does not support further liquor restrictions;
- b) The community believes that further restrictions would not directly target the underlying problem;
- c) Further restrictions could have a negative impact on consumer choice and local businesses;
- d) The community has indicated alternative interventions such as cashless welfare could be considered; and
- e) The community has indicated that the current level of State Government services is inadequate and there needs to be a significant increased investment in social support services to address the underlying problem which has not been proposed.

The City is committed to working together on important community issues and I'd like to extend an invitation to a future Council Briefing session to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully



Peter Long
MAYOR

23 November 2017