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LIQUOR LICENCE CONTRADICTS GOVERNMENT POLICY

"Is it the government's intention to address alcohol problems in Alice Springs or not?", asks Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"The Chief Minister has made much of the Alcohol Management Plan for Alice Springs and the Liquor Supply Plan".

"But here we have a decision granting another takeaway licence, this time to the Stuart Caravan Park".

"Regardless of how much support was voiced for or against the application, or how many conditions were placed on the licence, I would have thought the principle of supply reduction would be paramount in any considerations of availability of take-away alcohol".

Mrs Braham said the Town Council has a lot to explain to the people of Alice Springs as to why they want a 'dry town' but they continue to support more takeaway licences.

"How ironic that just this week the Chief Minister distributed glossy flyers on 'New Restrictions on Take-away Alcohol' and 'Alcohol Management Plan'".

"Did the Chief Minister forget to tell the Licensing Commission of the government's intentions?"

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