The Alcohol Management Plan for Alice Springs has been released to reduce supply, reduce harm and reduce demand.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said the plan is part of the Northern Territory Government’s response to reduce the damaging affects of alcohol in Alice Springs.

“Alcohol abuse destroys lives - we have to reduce supply, reduce harm and reduce demand,” Ms Martin said.

“This is a no-nonsense approach tied to clear targets – we don’t back away from the fact that they’re tough – serious problems need serious solutions.

“Reducing supply includes restrictions on the sale of alcohol in Alice Springs, changes to takeaway liquor sales and limits on fortified and cask wine.

“Reducing harm includes the ability to declare private premises or public areas alcohol-free and an expansion of Sobering-Up Shelters to assist people into rehabilitation.

“Reducing demand includes more training for health professionals to effectively challenge the behaviour of risky drinkers and an alcohol support program for families.

“The plan has been developed as part of a range of alcohol management initiatives across the Territory – among them:

- new dry areas legislation
- Alcohol Courts and additional treatment centres
- A moratorium on takeaway licences for 12 months

The Alice Springs Alcohol Management Plan has been attached.