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Thank you for providing the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) with the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997*.

Overall, DCSI is supportive of the proposed changes which seek to minimise the harm to vulnerable people due to excessive alcohol consumption. The department particularly supports the recognition of the interconnection between alcohol abuse, domestic violence and problem gambling, and welcomes the broader approach to considering the safety and wellbeing of the community and the wider public interest aspects through the new Community Impact and Public Interest Test.

The department's Youth Justice Directorate previously provided comment on the review of the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997*, noting concerns for the financial penalties for offences for minors. The Directorate is pleased to note that there has been a reduction in the applicable maximum penalty and expiation fee for minors for most offences. However, the Directorate recommends that the maximum financial penalty in Section 77 (Power to remove or refuse entry to minors) is amended to \$2,500, with an expiation fee of \$210. This will make it consistent with the maximum penalty as per Section 24 of the *Young Offenders Act 1993* and other penalties in the draft Bill relating to minors.

The table on page 4 of the draft Community Impact Assessment Guidelines (bottom of page 4 to top of page 5) includes reference to '*at-risk*' groups or *sub-communities within the locality*. The department recommends that '*people with cognitive impairment*' are added to the list of '*at-risk*' groups.

Thank you

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