

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

LIQUOR ORDINANCE (NO. 2) 1973

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Liquor Ordinance (No. 2) 1973 introduces in the Territory a new type of liquor licence called a bistro licence to replace the existing restaurant licence.

The bistro licence will be issued on the same terms as the existing restaurant licence except that the requirement to provide seating accommodation for fifty people will be removed.

Essentially a bistro licence will permit the sale and consumption of food and liquor between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. There will be no requirement that liquor should be served only as part of a meal.

The Ordinance also varies the grounds on which an objection to the issue of a liquor licence can be based. The existing ground "that the reasonable requirements of the neighbourhood do not justify the granting of such a licence" is to be replaced by two further grounds to the effect that the premises do not comply with the land use, building and town planning requirements in the Territory.

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