

OPEN LETTER TO WOOLWORTHS BOARD

To members of the Woolworths Board,

The Northern Territory (NT) is working hard to tackle the many alcohol harms we see daily in our community.

We are beginning to see improvements in the health and wellbeing of our community and its many families.

As a Territory we know that alcohol causes enormous harms – those harms are higher here than anywhere else in Australia.

Alcohol is like no other product. It causes cancer. It fuels domestic violence. Drink driving wipes out lives in an instant. We see families literally torn apart under the influence of the product your company sells.

That's why you must abandon your plans to build a Dan Murphy's in Darwin.

The Dan Murphy's you want to build will be one of the biggest bottle shops in Australia. We know that the more alcohol you sell, the more harms it causes in our community.

You also want to build this Dan Murphy's within walking distance of three dry Aboriginal communities.

Our community is now on a path to a brighter future. Our kids are safer and our families are healthier with less alcohol washing through our streets.

Don't derail this important work.

We ask you to stop this plan to profit from people who are at their most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

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