

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands Mintabie Township: Licensing Review and new Commercial Licensing Policy

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In 2016 the Federal Court of Australia made serious adverse findings in relation to the financial practices of a particular commercial licensee, especially in relation to 'book-up'.

A review of all commercial and residential licenses, and of the Mintabie lease arrangements more generally, has been initiated by the South Australian Government.

This review is being conducted in partnership with Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands (APY) and the outcome may be that the control of Mintabie is returned to APY, in accordance with the original intent of the Mintabie Township Lease Agreement.

Whilst the review is underway commercial licences in the Mintabie Township Lease area:

- may be renewed for existing shops/businesses.
- may **not** be issued to new shop owners/business operators.

The only payment methods approved for use under a commercial licence at Mintabie will be cash, EFTPOS, cheque, credit card, or Centrepay.

Any commercial licence applicant for Mintabie must also be able to demonstrate:

- they have the financial and technical capability to operate a business within a remote Aboriginal community, and
- how the business provides significant benefits to the welfare of APY.

Compliance action against unauthorised occupants, including 'Notices to Vacate' and prosecutions, will continue to be carried out in the coming months.