



## Don't lock community footy out of Alice

The Central Land Council is deeply disappointed with the Alice Springs Town Council's decision to lock the community competition out of the town's sporting fields.

"It is a backward step for the council to ban the teams, players and supporters from our remote communities from the best fields in Central Australia, where they have played for many years," Central Land Council chief executive Les Turner said.

"Footy helps create positive social outcomes and unites our town at a time when we all need to pull together

"The Alice Springs town council is understandably concerned about bad behaviour at games and resulting social issues

"But instead of being divisive, the council should work with the AFLNT and governments to improve the infrastructure and facilities in our communities.

"AFL football is one of the few joys for our community members. It is a pathway to a healthy life and future opportunities," said Mr Turner.

"Our kids should not be locked out of Alice Springs."

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