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## **EXHIBITS FOR**

**DONNA AH CHEE (Central Australian Aboriginal Congress CEO)**

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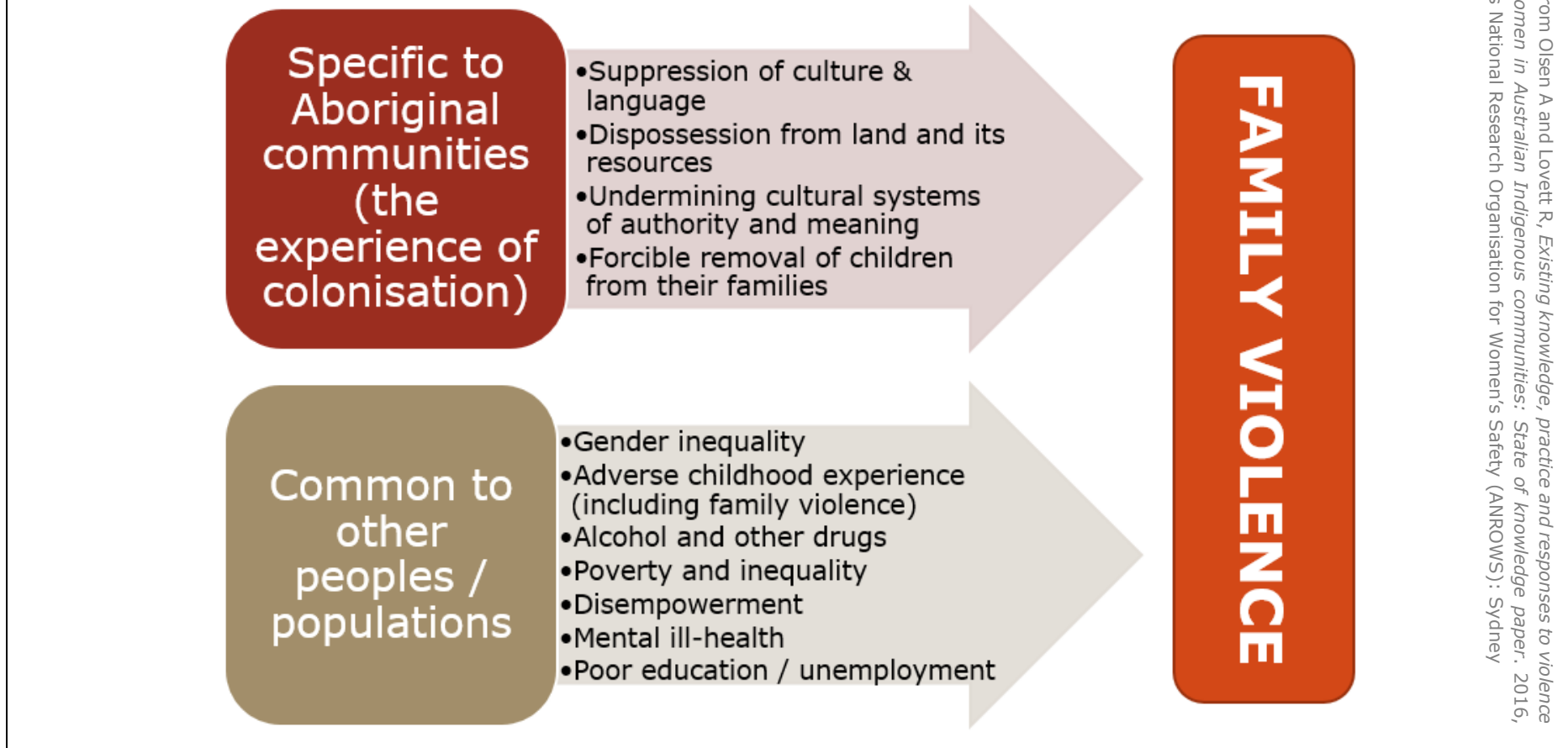
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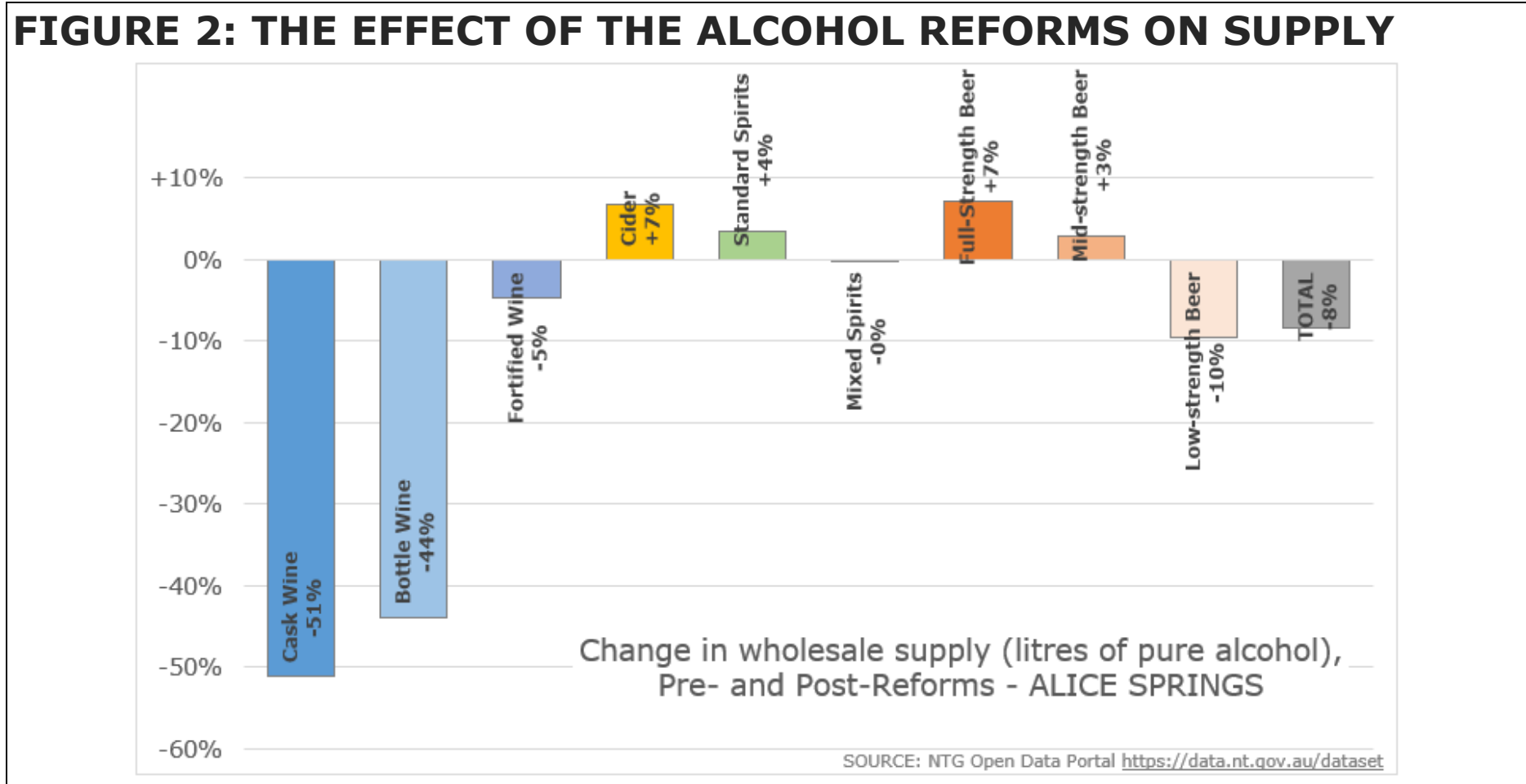
**Alice Springs – 9 December 2022**

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**FIGURE 1: An ecological model of the drivers of family violence in Aboriginal communities**



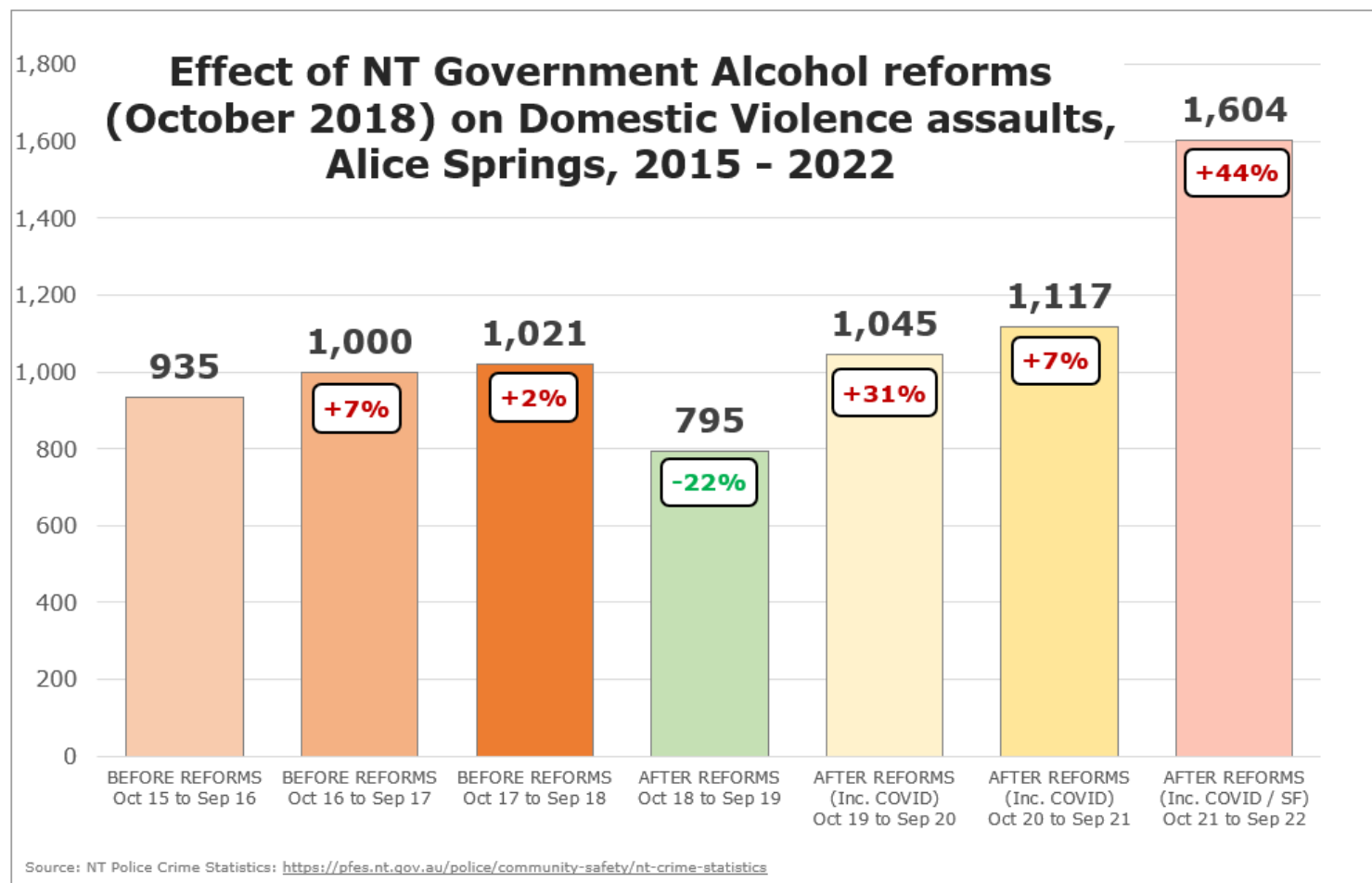
**There is no simple, single systemic cause of Aboriginal family violence.** Many factors contribute, some of them specific to the experience of Aboriginal peoples of the processes of colonisation; others are common to other populations experiencing marginalisation and disadvantage.



The Northern Territory Government’s package of alcohol reforms introduced in October 2018 led to a **significant decrease in the amount of alcohol sold in Alice Springs, down 8%** (grey bar at right), comparing the year immediately before the reforms and the year immediately after the reforms.

The reforms (which included a world-leading Minimum Unit Price on alcohol) were particularly effective in reducing the sale of the cheapest and most dangerous forms of alcohol – cask wine and low quality bottled wine (blue bars at left).

**FIGURE 3**



The decrease in alcohol availability led to dramatic decreases in alcohol related harm in Alice Springs. This graph shows how **Domestic Violence assaults decreased by 22%** in the year after the introduction of the Alcohol Reforms (green bar).

Unfortunately, as seen across the world, the effect of COVID has been to increase the frequency of Domestic Violence.

**FIGURE 4**



This graph shows the effect of the expiry of the Strong Futures (Alcohol Protected Area) provisions in July 2022 across the Northern Territory. There was **an immediate and significant increase in the number of alcohol related assaults and the number of DV assaults where alcohol was involved** (red shaded bubbles). The proportion of assaults where alcohol was involved also increased (red bars).