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AHA COMMITTED TO PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF SMOKING BAN

The Australian Hotels Association (WA) is committing to working with all levels of government to ensure that smoking bans in all licensed outdoor eating and drinking areas are implemented as practically as possible.

AHA (WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said that while he was disappointed by today's announcement by the Minister for Health supporting aspects of the Tobacco Products Control Amendment Bill 2008 banning smoking from licensed outdoor areas, the Association would work hard on behalf of the hotel and hospitality industry to ensure practical outcomes.

"It is disappointing that the industry hasn't been consulted in the development of this legislation by the architect of this Bill, but we will now focus on ensuring that all hotels and taverns throughout WA will have outdoor areas to provide for smoking and non-smoking patrons," Mr Woods said.

The State Government has announced that it will support banning smoking in 50 per cent of all licensed outdoor areas giving conditional support to the Private Members Bill tabled in Parliament by the Independent Member for Alfred Cove, Dr Janet Woollard MLA.

"Some venues will need the support of local government authorities to ensure they can comply with the restrictions and the public will need to be educated in regards to these restrictions," Mr Woods said.

"We don't need to add to the plethora of regulation the industry has to operate within and we are not going to become the smoke police."

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