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## **AG's REPORT NOT TRUE REFLECTION OF LIQUOR INDUSTRY**

The Australian Hotels Association has labeled a report tabled in Parliament today by the Auditor General as being “basic” and “not a true reflection of the commitment of the Western Australian liquor industry to selling alcohol responsibly.”

AHA(WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said that the report's suggestion that Police and Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor are not monitoring responsible service of alcohol practices was wrong.

“The report is critical of Police enforcement of individual drinkers, this is a very basic understanding of the complexities of handling alcohol abuse and misuse issues,” Mr Woods said.

“The majority of the community who drink responsibly should not have their favorite venue shut down because of a small number of problem drinkers who misbehave.”

Mr Woods also said there report failed to understand the issue of intoxication and indicated that some licensees and staff know when a patron is intoxicated when the Police and DRGL don't, which is ridiculous.

“The report states that it is very difficult for enforcement agencies to identify or prove when a person is drunk,” he said.

“The Auditor General needs to understand that licensees and staff face exactly the same challenges in identifying intoxicated patrons and should have recognized that in his report.”

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