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TAXI MARSHAL TRIAL TO HELP ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Australian Hotels Association has welcomed the State Government's announcement of a six-month Taxi Rank Marshal trial in Perth's major entertainment precincts.

AHA (WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said the trial announced by Transport Minister Simon O'Brien is a step in the right direction to help manage taxi ranks and crowds located in entertainment precincts on Friday and Saturday nights.

"Winding back the trading hours of good venues is not the answer to reducing anti-social behaviour and the Marshall's will alleviate problems associated with the people waiting in long queues and hopefully help with getting people home quicker and more safely," Mr Woods said

"Reducing anti-social behaviour requires a multi-pronged and coordinated approach. The decision to introduce Taxi Marshal's demonstrates that the Government is prepared to tackle this issue in an integrated way.

"For years, hotel operators have been saying one of the key issues contributing to the disorderly behaviour of people is the inability for them to be able to disperse quickly and safely from an area. We will look forward to the reviewing the results of the trial in six months time."

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