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GLASSING ATTACK SENTENCE FAIR

The Australian Hotels Association has welcomed the custodial sentence handed down today to a woman who smashed a glass in the face of another woman in a nightclub last year.

AHA (WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said the 18 month jail sentence delivered by Magistrate Paul Heaney sent a strong message to the community that such anti-social acts of violence committed in licensed venues are totally unacceptable.

“People who feel they have the right to inflict hideous injury on other patrons are not welcome in the hotels and taverns of WA and should face significant consequences for their actions,” Mr Woods said.

“Using a glass as a weapon is a grotesque act of violence that has serious physical and psychological repercussions for victims.

“The thugs who commit such offences, regardless of their gender, race or age, are placing the future of good licensees at risk and are trying to impose a culture of abuse, confrontation and fear amongst people who have the right to go out and enjoy themselves responsibly.”

Mr Woods has congratulated the judiciary for taking such a strong stance and said this case and subsequent prison term should set a precedent for all future cases involving similar attacks.

He also called on the Director of Liquor Licensing to revisit his decision to impose a prohibition on Eva Grace Scolaro in light of the sentence handed down by Magistrate Heaney to ensure that her two-year ban from licensed venues in WA takes effect on her release from jail.

“We have to be very careful that prohibition orders are not watered down by having them run concurrent to custodial sentences,” Mr Woods said.



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“In theory, every prisoner in WA’s prison system is subject to a ban from licensed venues purely because they are locked up.

“Prohibition orders are the strongest tool the Police and the industry have in dealing with anti-social patrons and they should served additionally to any custodial sentence imposed by the courts.”

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