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Police Commit to Ban Violent Offenders from Licensed Premises

The WA Police Service commitment today to issue prohibition orders banning people who commit violent assaults from licensed premises has been strongly welcomed by the Australian Hotels Association.

AHA (WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said he applauded the Police for finally committing to implementing their strongest weapon against violent offenders after being given the powers to issue prohibition orders almost two years ago.

“In May 2007 new laws came into effect under the Liquor Control Act providing the police with the power to issue prohibition orders banning people from licensed premises for up to five years,” Mr Woods said.

“To date no prohibition orders have been issued by the WA Police despite public and private pleas by licensees and the Australian Hotels Association for police to act on these laws.

“Prohibition orders will ensure that violent offenders who are convicted of assaults are stopped from entering licensed premises, and will provide law abiding West Australians with safer venues to enjoy themselves free from idiots who prefer to live outside the law.”

Mr Woods said he applauded the very public commitment given today by Licensing Enforcement Division Detective Inspector, Steve George, to issue prohibition orders against people responsible for assaults.

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