

# AHA slams liquor review

➤ **AN independent review of WA's Liquor Control Act** was recently presented to the State Government.

The 270-page document, which contains 141 recommendations, will be reviewed by Racing and Gaming Minister Terry Waldron before he meets with stakeholders to form a response.

"This is now a public document and key stakeholders will be given a chance to read and absorb the findings prior to me arranging meetings to hear their views," Mr Waldron said.

"Once this process is complete, I will discuss the findings with my Cabinet colleagues and we will determine a formal response."

The review has already been criticised by the WA branch of the Australian Hotels Association for "championing the causes of health, anti-alcohol groups and WA police over the interests of the hospitality industry and the public".

AHA WA chief executive Bradley Woods said opportunities to encourage innovation and investment had been missed.

"The review's report has been substantially dominated by submissions from health, police and the anti-alcohol lobby, which in turn reflects the tone of the recommendations," he said.

"The hotel and hospitality industries are seeking pathways to business and investment confidence and the removal of roadblocks to innovation and development.

"Our ability to compete with interstate and international markets will be grossly diminished if the health lobby agenda is adopted."

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