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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **RESTRICTIONS REDUCE VIOLENCE AT PUBS AND CLUBS**

Three-quarters of State's most violent pubs and clubs have recorded reductions in violent incidents since special conditions including lockouts, bans on glass and alcohol restrictions were imposed six months ago.

Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, George Souris, welcomed the results of the latest review of violent venues subject to special conditions using updated alcohol-related incident data.

Mr Souris said violent incidents had dropped at 74% of the venues which have been subject to special conditions since last December, with pubs and clubs in regional areas recording some of the biggest reductions.

"The NSW Government is committed to changing the culture of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in NSW and although I am happy with the results, I am certain we can do even better," Mr Souris said.

"Some 31 out of the 42 licensed venues which have been subject to the conditions are now safer, with fewer alcohol-related incidents.

"As a result of reduced incident rates, 16 venues have been removed from the list."

Mr Souris today released a revised list of violent venues to be subject to special conditions from June.

"In total there will be 9 Level 1 venues and 35 Level 2 venues subject to special conditions for six months from June," Mr Souris said.

"The review has resulted in 18 venues where violence is increasing being added to the list. These pubs and clubs must lift their game and reduce the negative impacts.

"For the second time there are no Level 1 venues in the Sydney CBD.

"The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government is determined to increase safety in and around licensed venues by targeting drunken troublemakers and irresponsible licensees impacting on local communities.

"We are doing this by strengthening police 'move on powers', introducing the new offence of 'drunk and disorderly' and trialling 'sobering up centres', ensuring people take personal responsibility for their actions.

"The Government also intends to pursue the development of a 'three-strikes policy' in coming months.

“The Government will also shortly introduce its ‘three strikes and you’re out’ policy to strip rogue licensed venues of their liquor licences. This tough approach to curbing alcohol-related violence demonstrates the NSW Government’s commitment to addressing this problem.”

Restrictions to apply to Level 1 venues (19 or more violent incidents in a year) are:

- A 2am lockout;
- Ceasing alcohol service 30 minutes prior to closing;
- An appropriate extra security measure such as additional guards, CCTV, digital video and audio recording devices, or electronic ID scanning;
- Drinks must not be served in glass or breakable containers after midnight;
- No shots, no doubles, no RTDs over 5% after midnight;
- A limit of four alcoholic drinks per person per order after midnight;
- Alcohol time-outs or the provision of free water and food for ten minutes every hour after midnight.

Level 2 venues (12 to 18 violent incidents in a year) must comply with these conditions:

- Ceasing alcohol service 30 minutes prior to closing;
- Drinks must not be served in glass or breakable containers after midnight;
- Alcohol time-outs or the provision of free water and food for ten minutes every hour after midnight.

Licenseses failing to comply with special conditions face penalties of up to 12 months in jail and an \$11,000 fine.

## LIST OF VENUES AND INCIDENT RATES ATTACHED

### LEVEL 1 VENUES FROM 1 JUNE 2011

Region	Venue name	Suburb	Incidents
Western Sydney	Penrith Rugby League Club	Penrith	50
	Mean Fiddler	Rouse Hill	47
	Lone Pine Tavern	Rooty Hill	36
Central Coast	*Beachcomber Resort and Conference Centre	Toukley	24
Hunter	Fanny’s of Newcastle	Newcastle	25
	Cambridge Hotel	Newcastle West	20
	*M J Finnegans	Newcastle	19

St George-Sutherland	*Miranda Hotel	Miranda	19
Illawarra	Harp Hotel	Wollongong	19

#### LEVEL 2 VENUES FROM 1 JUNE 2011

Region	Venue name	Suburb	Incidents
Central Sydney	Exchange Hotel	Darlinghurst	16
	Ivy	Sydney	13
	Home Nightclub	Sydney	12
	*The Gaff Restaurant, Bar & Nightclub	Darlinghurst	12
	*The World Bar	Kings Cross	12
Northern Beaches	*Shore Club Hotel Manly	Manly	18
North Shore	Greenwood Hotel	North Sydney	14
Eastern Beaches	The Eastern	Bondi Junction	16
	Coogee Bay Hotel	Coogee	13
Western Sydney	PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub	Parramatta	14
	Heritage Hotel	Penrith	14
	Albion Hotel	Parramatta	18
South West Sydney	Club Marconi	Bossley Park	16
	Collingwood Hotel	Liverpool	14
St George-Sutherland	Northies – Cronulla Hotel	Cronulla	16
	Fusion	Cronulla	12
Illawarra	*Shellharbour Workers Club	Shellharbour	14
South Coast	*Postmans Tavern	Nowra	12
Central Coast	*The Woodport Inn	Erina	12
Hunter	Shoal Bay Country Club Hotel	Shoal Bay	18
	Cessnock Hotel	Cessnock	15
	King Street Hotel	Newcastle	15
	Kent Hotel	Hamilton	14
	Kandy Bar	Maitland	13
	*Belmore Hotel	Maitland	12
North Coast	*The Victoria Hotel Taree	Taree	17
	*Cheeky Monkeys Bar & Restaurant	Byron Bay	15
	Mary Gilhooly's Irish Pub & Restaurant	Lismore	15
	*West Kempsey Hotel	West Kempsey	12
New England/North West	Imperial Hotel	Tamworth	18
	*Regal Hotel	Gunnedah	17
	*White Bull Hotel	Armidale	13
Western NSW	*Hotel Orange	Orange	16
	*The Oxford Bathurst	Bathurst	12
Riverina/Murray	*Home Hotel	Wagga Wagga	12

**\*New to the list and must comply with special conditions from June 8**

#### VENUES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST FROM 1 JUNE 2011

Region	Venue name	Suburb	Incidents
Central Sydney	The Colombian Hotel	Darlinghurst	11
	Trademark Hotel	Kings Cross	9
Northern Beaches	Collaroy Beach Hotel	Collaroy	10
Western Suburbs	Rooty Hill RSL Club	Rooty Hill	6
South West Sydney	Mt Pritchard & District Community Club (Mounties)	Mount Pritchard	10
Central Coast	Blush Nightclub	Gosford	10
	Hotel Illawarra	Wollongong	10

Illawarra	Albion Park Hotel	Albion Park	8
	Wollongong Castros	Wollongong	6
North Coast	The Beach Hotel	Byron Bay	11
	Tuncurry Bowling Club	Tuncurry	7
Western NSW	Amaroo Hotel	Dubbo	10
	Woolpack Hotel	Mudgee	9
Riverina/Murray	Capital Nightclub	Wagga Wagga	11
	The Bended Elbow	Albury	6
South East NSW	Flamingos Nitespot	Goulburn	5