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### MAJOR FALL IN VIOLENT INCIDENTS AT PROBLEM VENUES

Government reforms to liquor laws and strong compliance operations have resulted in a 39 per cent reduction in serious incidents at venues on the 'violent venues' list.

Over the past 12 months, 182 violent incidents were recorded, a dramatic reduction from the 300 recorded over the previous period.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice Troy Grant said the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government's combination of serious penalties and increased scrutiny is forcing licensed venues to be safer.

"It just doesn't add up to run a violent venue – it's harder, more expensive and you run the risk of losing your liquor licence for life," Mr Grant said.

There are now just 13 venues on the list, the lowest number since it began in 2008.

- The violent venues list has had a net reduction of six, down from 19 to 13.
- 11 venues have been removed and five have been added - two of those for the first time.
- Venues on the list face a range of restrictions including 1.30am lock-outs, extra security, alcohol time-outs and other limits on serving alcohol.
- Two Western Sydney venues, previously listed at Level 1, have been removed from the list entirely – Crown Hotel Parramatta and the Roxy Hotel.

"With just 13 venues now on this list, it sends a clear message places like IVY in Sydney's CBD and the Beachcomber Resort on the Central Coast to clean up their acts and put community safety first," Mr Grant said.

"Unfortunately two new additions to the list; the Plantation Hotel in Coffs Harbour and Oaks Hotel in Neutral Bay have shown there is still some work to do."

The updated list can be found on the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racings website: [http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/alcohol\\_restrictions\\_for\\_violent\\_venues.asp](http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/alcohol_restrictions_for_violent_venues.asp)

*Please see attached fact sheet and complete list of violent venues effective 1 June 2015*

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## **VIOLENT VENUES LIST ROUND 13 - FACT SHEET**

### **Restrictions applying to Level 1 venues (19 or more violent incidents in a year)**

- 1.30am lockout
- Cease 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 (ready to drink) over 5% after midnight
- A limit of four alcoholic drinks per customer per order after midnight
- Alcohol time-outs or the provision of free water and food for 10 minutes every hour after midnight; and
- Required to maintain a detailed incident register whenever trading.
- Extra compliance monitoring.

### **Restrictions applying to Level 2 venues (12 to 18 violent incidents in a year)**

- Cease alcohol service 30 minutes before closing
- No glass or breakable containers after midnight
- Alcohol time-outs or the provision of free water and food for 10 minutes every hour after midnight; and
- Required to maintain a detailed incident register whenever trading.
- Extra compliance monitoring.

### **LEVEL 1 VENUES FROM 1 JUNE 2015**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Venue name</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Incidents</b>
Sydney City	Ivy	Sydney	23
Central Coast	Beachcomber Resort and Conference Centre**	Toukley	12

\*\*Government has made a special case in keeping Beachcomber Resort and Conference Centre listed at Level 1 due to its fluctuating record on violence.

### **LEVEL 2 VENUES FROM 1 JUNE 2015**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Venue name</b>	<b>Suburb</b>	<b>Incidents</b>
Mid North Coast	Plantation Hotel*	Coffs Harbour	16
Central Coast	Terrigal Hotel	Terrigal	16
	Central Coast Hotel	Gosford	14
North Shore	Oaks Hotel*	Neutral Bay	15
Sydney City	Home Nightclub	Sydney	13
	Hotel Chambers	Sydney	12
Northern Rivers	Hotel Henry Rous	Ballina	13
Southern Sydney	Miranda Hotel	Miranda	12
Western Sydney	PJ's Irish Pub Parramatta	Parramatta	12
South-West Sydney	The Macarthur Tavern	Campbelltown	12
Far West	Theatre Royal Broken Hill	Broken Hill	12

\* New to the list and must comply with special conditions from 8 June 2015

## VENUES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST FROM 1 JUNE 2015

Region	Venue name	Suburb	Incidents
Western Sydney	Crown Hotel Parramatta*	Parramatta	10
	Roxy Hotel*	Parramatta	9
Southern NSW	Groove Saint	Albury	10
Central West	Royal Hotel	Orange	10
	The Oxford Bathurst	Bathurst	10
New England-North West	Armidale HQ	Armidale	9
	The Albert	Tamworth	9
Riverina	Victoria Hotel	Wagga Wagga	9
Mid North Coast	Altitude Nightclub	Port Macquarie	8
North West Sydney	The Australian Hotel & Brewery	Rouse Hill	7
Hunter	Family Hotel Newcastle	Newcastle West	3

\* Were listed as Level 1 venues in last round

### Risk-based licence fee loadings in 2016

- On top of their base annual liquor licence fee, Level 1 venues will pay a \$9,000 compliance risk loading and Level 2 venues a \$6,000 compliance risk loading in 2015/16.
- Level 1 and Level 2 venues will also pay a patron capacity loading between \$1,000 and \$8,000 depending on the size of the venue.
- Level 1 and Level 2 venues located in the Sydney CBD precinct will pay a further \$2,000 location risk loading.