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COMMISSIONER REINFORCES LATE NIGHT SAFETY MEASURES FOR CLUBS AND PUBS

Today Liquor and Gambling Commissioner Paul White said that new stringent measures for late night licensed venues stand firm and reinforced licensee obligations under the Late Night Code of Practice.

“Yesterday, amendments were passed to the *Liquor Licensing Act 1997* which remove any doubt about the validity of the Late Night Code of Practice,” the Commissioner said.

“From commencement four weeks ago, Inspectors from Consumer and Business Services have been thoroughly monitoring late night venues for compliance with the Code, without penalty enforcement, as part of an educational period for licensees.

“In addition to this education period, the industry was extensively consulted prior to implementation of these measures.

“This grace period is now over. From today, any licensees that do not comply will be liable for disciplinary action.

“I am pleased with how hard the industry has worked to adopt these new obligations and expect that all licensees are now in a position to fully comply with the Code accordingly.

“A range of penalties, from fines to prosecution, are available under the law and we will not hesitate to enforce these when necessary.”

The Late Night Code of Practice came into effect on 1 October 2013 in bid to combat alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in and around licensed venues.

The range of measures include the use of metal detectors, high-definition CCTV, drink marshals, bans on glassware and restricted entry conditions.

“Community concern over alcohol fuelled violence in and around late night venues has increased considerably in recent years and we will take every precaution to make our community feel safe in order to enjoy a fun night out,” Mr White said.

“With the approaching warm weather and holiday season it is expected that venues will attract more late night goers than usual and licensees are reminded of their obligations.”

For more information about the Late Night Code of Practice visit www.cbs.sa.gov.au

