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Laws Cracking Down on Alcohol Fuelled Violence Extended

Tough laws giving Territory Police greater powers to ban troublemakers from pub precincts for up to a year will be expanded to now include Palmerston and Alice Springs.

The Minister for Alcohol Policy, Delia Lawrie, joined Palmerston Mayor Robert Macleod to announce the new designated precinct at Palmerston.

"The message is clear – people causing trouble face a 48 hour ban from the designated area and risk a $133 on-the-spot fine," Ms Lawrie said.

"While most people are able to responsibly enjoy a drink and a night out on the town, there continues to be a small group of troublemakers who cause alcohol-fuelled violence and crime.

Palmerston Mayor Robert Macleod welcomed the announcement that would see drunk, aggressive or disorderly people removed from Palmerston's pub precinct.

"People should be able to go out at night, have a good time and not have to worry about their safety due to these select few people who relate alcohol to violence," Mr Macleod said.

Minister Lawrie said the Government is taking action to improve safety throughout the entire Territory.

"Whether you live in Darwin, Palmerston or Alice Springs – Territorians should be able to enjoy a night out without worrying about their safety," Ms Lawrie said.

"The Government has said enough is enough and is taking tough action to turn the tap off to problem drinkers."

The Government declared Darwin's Central Business District (CBD) including the Esplanade and the Waterfront precinct a designated area on 1 October 2010.

(Please find map of designated areas for Palmerston and Alice Springs attached).

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