New Pub Precinct Begins in Alice Springs

Tough new laws that give police extra powers to ban troublemakers from pub precincts have begun in Alice Springs.

The Minister for Alcohol Policy, Delia Lawrie, today visited Alice Springs and joined Alice Springs Police Commander, Anne-Marie Murphy, to warn troublemakers.

The Government has designated a new pub precinct in Alice Springs Central Business District (CDB) including Telegraph Terrace, Stephens Road, Leichhardt and Wills terraces.

“The message is loud and clear – people causing trouble face ban of up to 48 hours from the newly designated pub precinct in Alice Springs’ CBC,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The new laws give Police greater powers to ban troublemakers from the pub precinct and to issue $133 on-the-spot fine for people who refuse to leave when requested,” Ms Lawrie said.

“While people responsibly enjoy drink and a night on the town, there continues to be a group of troublemakers who cause alcohol-fuelled violence and crime.
“That’s why the Henderson Government has said enough is enough and taking action to turn the tap off to problem drinkers.”

Commander Murphy said under the new laws Territory Police can also enter licensed premises and require drunk, aggressive or disorderly people to be removed.

“The new laws provide police with additional tools to ensure that troublemakers are removed from licensed venues before becoming violent or involved with crime,” Commander Murphy said.

“Officers will work with licensees and security officers to ensure that banned patrons are refused service in all venues in the newly designated pub precinct.”

The Northern Territory Government has also declared pub precincts in Darwin and Palmerston CBDs.

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