

FW: Correspondence to CEO regarding the Protected Entertainment Precincts Scheme

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Good afternoon Alana,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the PEP Scheme. Please see the following comments and observations from our Community Safety Officers and CCTV Team:

1. The PEP Scheme has significantly improved public safety and community confidence in the designated areas. The combination of the scheme with knife wandering has contributed to a noticeable shift in the public's perception, people working in and visiting the PEP now feel safer, particularly during evening hours. The introduction of short-term exclusion orders by police has had a remarkable impact, effectively reducing the presence of individuals known to be involved in antisocial behaviour.
2. From the City's perspective, the scheme is being administered fairly and appropriately. There does not appear to be any disproportionate impact on any particular group. While some individuals experiencing homelessness have been subject to exclusion orders, this has occurred at a rate consistent with other problematic visitors to the PEP, suggesting balanced enforcement.
3. No single community group appears to be particularly affected by the scheme. However we have observed that individuals arriving via train are more frequently subjected to knife wandering, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights, compared to those arriving by car, bus, or ride-share. This would appear to be from operational requirements by police. While it's unclear whether weapons have been found during train station scans, weapons have certainly been discovered within the PEP and captured by our CCTV.

I trust this assists with your query

Regards



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