

RE: Correspondence to Manager regarding the Protected Entertainment Precincts Scheme

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Good morning Alana,

Please find below The Chamber

Formal Endorsement Statement

Protected Entertainment Precincts (PEP) Scheme – Ombudsman Western Australia Overview

We wish to express our endorsement of the principal objectives and framework outlined within the Overview of the Protected Entertainment Precincts Scheme produced by Ombudsman Western Australia.

The Protected Entertainment Precincts (PEP) Scheme represents a balanced and considered approach to enhancing public safety within designated entertainment areas across Western Australia. By providing structured mechanisms to exclude individuals who engage in violent or unlawful conduct, the Scheme strengthens community confidence and promotes a safer, more enjoyable environment for all members of the public.

We particularly commend the following aspects of the Scheme:

Commitment to Harm Minimisation and Public Welfare – The legislative intent to reduce the potential for harm and improve the safety and wellbeing of the community is clearly articulated and appropriately prioritised.

Transparency and Oversight – The inclusion of oversight by the Ombudsman, and the provision for review of exclusion orders, ensures accountability and procedural fairness in the administration of the Scheme.

Proportionate and Equitable Design – The differentiation between short-term, extended, and excluded offender orders provides flexibility and proportionality, allowing responses to be tailored to the severity and context of the behaviour.

Recognition of Individual Circumstances – The codified exceptions for essential activities such as residence, employment, education, and health or social welfare services appropriately balance enforcement measures with practical necessity and fairness.

In its current form, the PEP Scheme reflects a strong alignment between public safety objectives and individual rights. Its implementation across key precincts, including Mandurah, is a proactive and necessary measure to uphold community standards and protect the social and economic vibrancy of Western Australia's entertainment areas.

The emphasis on data review and community impact analysis in the forthcoming 2026 report to Parliament is also welcomed, as ongoing evaluation will be critical to maintaining both the integrity and effectiveness of the Scheme.

In summary, the PEP Scheme demonstrates sound legislative intent, robust governance, and a well-structured operational framework that collectively contribute to the creation of safer, more respectful, and inclusive public spaces.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards



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