



Australian Hotels Association to appear at hearing for the youth violence inquiry

Anti-social behaviour by customers in and around Australian hotels is unacceptable according to the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) in its submission to an inquiry into youth violence.

The Family and Youth Committee will be hearing from the AHA on Wednesday, 3 February at Parliament House in Canberra for its inquiry into the impact of violence on young Australians.

In their submission to the inquiry, the AHA states that the "industry has and continues to take significant steps to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour in and around hotels." The AHA also warns that "anti-social behaviour by hotel customers is more and more being attributed to the use of illicit drugs ... Drugs are more than half the reason why people are fighting."

The Committee is examining the perceptions of violence and safety among young Australians themselves; links between illicit drug use, alcohol abuse and violence among young people; the relationship between bullying and violence; and any social and economic factors that contribute to violence by young Australians. The Committee will report to Government on strategies to reduce violence and its impact among young Australians.

The Committee Chair Annette Ellis said, "The Committee is interested to hear from the AHA, particularly their comments on the causes of youth violence and on strategies to reduce its impact on young Australians".

"Violence in and around hotels and at other night spots by young people is a worry for young people themselves and the wider community too, so any constructive ideas from the AHA will be very welcome," she said.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Wednesday, 3 February 2010 – Committee Room 2R2 – Parliament House, Canberra

10:10am – 11:00am

Australian Hotels Association

Further details are provided on the Committee website: www.aph.gov.au/fchy.

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Annette Ellis, on (02) 6293 1344 (electorate office).

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