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## **Media Release**

### **THA supports “Step Back and Think” Program**

The Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA) – (the recently merged Australian Hotels Association (AHA) and the Restaurant & Catering Association (RCA) of Tasmania) today gave support to the new program designed to reduce street violence in Tasmania.

THA General Manager Steve Old said his association would always support programs that aimed to reduce incidents of street violence in Tasmania.

“Young Tasmanians are our future and we must get the message out to them now what the consequences of violence can have on individuals and families” Mr Old said.

“The message is very simple but ignoring the message can have a devastating result.

“We must continue to promote the message that individuals are responsible for their own actions and programs like this assist in promoting that” Mr Old said

“As hotel operators, we believe patrons are safe in our member’s venues but the same can’t be said for when they are on the streets. We are supportive of anything that helps the Police deal with street violence” Mr Old said

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