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SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY WELCOMES QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) has welcomed the release of the Queensland Government's *Community Safety Plan* which includes expanding *Jack's Law* to enable wandering in shopping centres.

The SCCA has been working with the Queensland Government on community safety and security issues and looks forward to ongoing discussions with the Government to help deliver a safer community and reduce retail and youth crime.

Angus Nardi, Chief Executive of the SCCA said, "We welcome the Queensland Government's *Community Safety Plan*, including the proposal to expand Jack's Law to enable wandering in shopping centres and the acquisition of additional wands to enhance the capability of frontline members of the Queensland Police Service", Mr Nardi said.

"Our top priority is ensuring the community's safety within shopping centres."

"Dangerous weapons such as knives have increasingly been found in concealed locations at shopping centres, alongside the increased use of knives in incidences."

"We commend Police Minister Mark Ryan, the Queensland Police Service and Government for their engagement with our industry, and we will continue to work constructively to help ensure community safety and reduce retail and youth crime," Mr Nardi said.