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SHOPPING CENTRE INDUSTRY WELCOMES COMMITMENT TO JACK'S LAW

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) today welcomed the announcement by Queensland Premier David Crisafulli and Minister for Police and Emergency Services Dan Purdie to make the ability for police to search or 'wand' people for dangerous weapons, also known as 'Jack's Law', permanent from next year.

The SCCA has worked closely with the Queensland Government and the Queensland Police Service on the development and implementation of Jack's Law, including its extension to shopping centres.

Angus Nardi, Chief Executive of the SCCA said: "We welcome the announcement by the new Queensland Government from Premier David Crisafulli and Minister Dan Purdie to introduce new laws next year which will make Jack's Law permanent, seeing the ability of Queensland Police to search or 'wand' people for dangerous weapons in public places, including shopping centres, continue into the future.

"Since its extension to shopping centres, Jack's Law has been a success in removing dangerous weapons from the community and it makes sense these laws are made permanent.

"There is no place for dangerous weapons in our shopping centres, and we congratulate the new Queensland Government for their sensible approach.

"We commend the work of Queensland Police in the effectiveness of Jack's Law and appreciate our ongoing collaboration to improve community safety.

"The success of Jack's Law is clear as we are seeing it replicated nationally, and the shopping centre industry welcomes the commitment to see these laws as a permanent fixture in Queensland.

"We will continue to work with Premier Crisafulli, Minister Purdie and Queensland Police to help ensure community safety in and around our shopping centres and our communities," Mr Nardi said.

The SCCA is the national industry group for major shopping centre owner and operators.



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