



NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE ASSOCIATION

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Police Association support “one punch” laws

The NT Police Association today called for the Henderson government to reintroduce “one punch” legislation into the Legislative Assembly.

“Our Association has considered a bill introduced into the Legislative Assembly by Mr Elferink in October 2011, NTPA President, Vince Kelly said today.

“We believe that the proposed “One Punch” legislation responds to a serious public health and safety issue.

“Alcohol fuelled violence is a curse and the statistics in relation to serious facial injuries in Darwin and the NT are shocking.

“There is simply no excuse for the night time king hit in a pub.

“The death of our member, Sergeant Brett Meredith, highlighted that there is a gaping hole in the law.

“We believe that this type of law will protect people in pubs and clubs.

“We believe this type of law will ensure the thugs throwing the punches are punished.

“Our Association has provided an extensive submission today to both the Attorney General and Chief Minister.

“We expect them to act in a bipartisan way in the interests of the community and by extension our members”, he said.

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