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RETAILERS URGE PATIENCE WITH TAKEAWAY ALCOHOL ID SYSTEM

Liquor retailers are urging the public to be patient and considerate of bottle shop staff as the NT Government rolls out its BDR takeaway alcohol ID system from tomorrow, 1 September 2017.

The AHANT has received feedback from our Members in regional towns, who have been using the BDR ID scanning equipment since the 19th of August, that people are still unaware that they will need to show their ID for **every** purchase of takeaway alcohol, even if they know the bottleshop staff, or are just buying one stubbie or have already purchased earlier in the day.

“Disappointingly, we have received feedback from our regional Members that they have witnessed patrons who are unaware of their BDR obligations and have taken out their frustrations on bottleshop staff.

“Liquor retailers are urging the public not to abuse bottleshop staff, they are only doing their job and complying with the law,” said AHANT Chief Executive Officer, Des Crowe.

NT liquor retailers ask the community to be patient and expect delays at all takeaway outlets from tomorrow, as bottle shop staff adjust to scanning all their customers IDs in addition to their other business processes.

“We hope that the BDR 2.0 is a quicker system than last time, but we still expect delays, as this is another transaction that bottleshop staff need to undertake in addition to their other duties,” said Mr. Crowe.

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