



# **The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP**

## **Premier of NSW**

### **Minister for Western Sydney**

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **O'FARRELL TO BAN UNIFORMED BIKIES FROM KINGS CROSS PUBS AND CLUBS**

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced the NSW Government would move to prevent uniformed bikies from taking over bars and clubs in Kings Cross.

"Kings Cross Police have sought to ban uniformed bikies in licensed premises and I will move quickly to ensure the NSW Government fulfils their request," Mr O'Farrell said.

"We have already moved to clean up Kings Cross to make it safer and ensure people can have a good time without being threatened or harassed," he said.

"These additional powers give Police an extra weapon in their armoury to keep people safe.

"My Government has already given Police additional powers to crackdown on alcohol-fuelled violence."

Mr O'Farrell explained his decision will be enforced under powers in the Liquor Act which will prohibit people from entering a licenced premises while wearing Outlaw Motorcycle Gang or Organised Crime Gang clothing or accessories.

"The last thing people having a night out in Kings Cross want to see is a bunch of uniformed bikies take over a hotel or bar," he said.

"That is just going to intimidate those trying to have an enjoyable and peaceful night out.

"Police have asked for these powers, and I am moving quickly to give them those powers.

"The NSW Police have a strong supporter in my Government and I will do everything in my power to make the State's streets as safe as possible.

"This application by Police was made in September 2010. Labor failed to act for six months, but I'm taking action to deliver," Mr O'Farrell said.

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