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WELCOME RED TAPE RELIEF FOR RESTAURANTS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) has welcomed the Western Australian (WA) Government's latest liquor licensing reforms which will significantly reduce the red tape burden for the state's restaurant industry.

As of this weekend, small to medium-sized restaurants with a capacity of 120 patrons or less will have the ability to serve alcohol to customers without an accompanying meal.

R&CA CEO Juliana Payne praised the WA Government's liquor licensing changes and said that these reforms will be of benefit to both the businesses themselves as well as the State's tourism and hospitality industries.

"We are delighted that the WA Government has chosen to recognise the inherently low-risk nature of restaurants in allowing customers the ability to order alcohol without a meal.

"This is a win-win situation for restaurants, their customers and tourists.

"It goes without saying that Western Australia is globally renowned for the quality of its locally produced wines and now restaurants will be able to serve them to customers separately to food without having to jump through needless bureaucratic hoops to do so", Ms Payne said.

Ms Payne also urged the WA Government to consider expanding this provision to larger restaurants with a capacity exceeding 120 patrons, provided that the provision of meals remains the core focus of the business.

"Whilst the Government's latest liquor licensing changes are no doubt a positive step in freeing up restaurants from the burden of red tape, it is important that larger restaurants do not miss out on this just because of their ability to serve more people in the one setting.

"We would therefore urge the WA Government to go one step further with these reforms and give all restaurants regardless of their capacity the ability to serve liquor to customers without the need for an accompanying meal.

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