

Grand Cinemas Western Australia
Submission response to
Legislative Assembly Western Australia
Community Development and Justice Standing Committee
“Inquiry into the Protection of Crowded Places from Terrorist Acts”

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About Grand Cinemas

Grand Theatre Company Pty Ltd trading as Grand Cinemas, is Western Australian owned and operated. Grand Cinemas operate four complexes in metropolitan Perth: Warwick, Currambine, Joondalup and Armadale, the heritage listed art deco cinema, Grand Cinemas Cygnet in Como and a multi-screen complex in Bunbury.

To find out more about Grand cinemas visit www.grandcinemas.com.au

Grand Cinemas has been asked to comment on this enquiry **Into The Protection Of Crowded Places From Terrorist Acts** Ref; A672877

1. State based Emergency Management framework

While Grand Cinemas has an emergency management plan in place to respond to various threats, professional guidelines to support operators of public places, including first point of contact, would be of great assistance.

2. Implementation of mitigation and protective security Measures

Grand Cinemas has taken a proactive approach to build upon our existing security measures to mitigate emerging risks. These measures have been put in place to not only protect our business, staff, and patrons but also to deter anti-social behaviour. Our security is assessed by our insurers who require us to have special equipment installed and procedures implemented to meet required standards. In some cases, our tenancy agreements also specify a standard of security.

3. Relationships between state government departments, agencies and owners and operators of public Places.

We understand that government agencies already liaise and share information on potential terrorism activities, however, operators of public buildings and crowded places should also be kept informed of potential risk and threats. Although we understand the need to manage such information with caution, if a potential threat that may impact upon our business operations is identified, we expect to be contacted and provided with advice.

4. Capability of the West Australian Police Force to respond to a terrorist attack on a crowded place.

To assist the Police and other emergency services to respond to potential terrorist activity in public places, a central agency (e.g. local government, local police station) could coordinate,

maintain and disseminate information on public places including floor layout, location of essential services, command and observation locations, access points and emergency exits etc.

5. **Security licencing registration and assurances process in Western Australia.**

Grand Cinemas and the commercial shopping centres we operate from only use licenced security businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our view.

You're sincerely

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