

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Bunnings statement: In response to announcements made by the SA and WA Governments on new laws to address retail crime**

### **Comments attributable to Bunnings Managing Director, Mike Schneider:**

With the commencement of Workplace Protection Order (WPO) legislation in South Australia, we are hopeful this sends a clear message that violent and threatening behaviour towards our team will not be tolerated.

We have been advocating for these important laws to protect our team and customers and we thank the South Australian government for implementing them.

We've been advocating for stronger action on retail crime to keep our team and customers safe, and we welcome the Western Australian Government's recent announcement that it will introduce Retail Barring Orders.

This measure recognises how serious and widespread retail crime has become and sends a clear message that violence and repeat offending won't be tolerated. We look forward to seeing the legislation passed into law in WA.

There is still more to do, and we'll continue working closely with governments, industry bodies and unions to strengthen protections and ensure retail workers feel safe and supported at work.

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### **About Bunnings**

Bunnings is the leading retailer of home and lifestyle products for consumer and commercial customers in Australia and New Zealand. We are a major supplier to project builders, commercial tradespeople and the housing industry. Our store network is made up of 285 large warehouse stores, 68 smaller format stores, 29 trade centres and 7 frame & truss sites. In April 2020, Bunnings acquired South Australian retailer Adelaide Tools (now Tool Kit Depot), which now has 17 stores, and acquired Beaumont Tiles in November 2021 which has 112 stores.

