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- The government is not aware of any complaints made by the Prince or his protection unit. The fact is this has not caused a diplomatic incident as some would have you believe.
- I suspect most Queenslanders would be pleased to know that the laws are applied to everyone.
- In relation to the policy of ID Scanners, I am pleased to report that the new networked ID Scanner system has stopped offenders on banning orders accessing venues on 76 occasions.
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- We will never truly know how many lives are saved and how many assaults we stop by having these scanners in place, but knowing that parents are more likely to have their child come home safe because they are there, is worth it.
- That many venues are recognising the benefits of stopping these people from accessing venues and keeping their patrons safe, that they are actually operating the scanners earlier in the evening now.
- Under the Palaszczuk Government's initiatives to tackle alcohol fuelled violence, we have seen an increase in the number of licensed venues in Queensland.
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