



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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**Guests Behaving Badly Make Good**

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to announce a \$70,000 Commercialising Enterprising Technologies (COMET) grant to a Hamilton company, Guests Behaving Badly.

Guests Behaving Badly has developed an automatic engine which collects relevant information at the time of booking at hotels, to identify guests with a recorded history of anti-social, intimidating or destructive behaviour.

"This innovative technology, once developed, will provide an immense benefit to combating anti-social behaviour in hotels," said Ms Grierson.

The information will benefit the hotel industry, and provide operators the opportunity to accept or reject bookings.

"Congratulations to Guests Behaving Badly for securing this funding," said Ms Grierson.

"Once again, we are seeing a local company with an ingenious idea becoming a commercial reality, and further enhancing our region's reputation as a centre for innovation."

This is the third COMET grant awarded in Newcastle in the past year.

The COMET program, now closed to new applications, is one of more than 35 programs delivered by AusIndustry – the Government's business program delivery division.

The Government is now accepting applications under the new \$196 million Commercialisation Australia.

Commercialisation Australia is taking a hands-on approach to bringing ideas to market through a range of tailored assistance measures, including funding to access specialised advice and services.

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