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Tackling Crime by taking away wealth and power

The Police Association of NSW (PANSW) welcomed today's announcement by the Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant and NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione of additional powers to target crime gangs.

Police Association President, Scott Weber, said, "Measures such as court orders banning a person from contacting certain associates, conducting particular business dealings or possessing equipment, and strengthening penalties for dealing in the proceeds of crime are welcomed by police.

"These gangs have a devastating impact on individuals, families, businesses and local communities.

"They are deceitful and unscrupulous in their pursuit of money, power or personal gratification through the harm of others – through dealing in drugs, money laundering, aggression and violence.

"Hitting them where it hurts, namely their hip pocket means police can maximise opportunities to restrict and target serious crime.

"Taking away the assets of criminals also takes away their sense of power.

"Serious Crime Prevention Orders, Public Safety Orders, Increased Dealing with the Proceeds of Crime penalties and Substitution Orders provide police with further tools to target criminals.

"We support this latest initiative by the Government while we continue to work with the Minister and the NSW Police Commissioner to develop additional tools to tackle criminals."

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