On Sunday 1 November 2009 history was made when new Cross-border Justice laws effectively removed legal boundaries where Western Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory meet.

Offenders are no longer able to cross state borders to escape justice. Law enforcement agencies can operate anywhere in the designated region (see map).

Cross-border Justice provides a safer environment for victims of crime in the Cross-border Justice region and gives communities the confidence to report crimes knowing justice will follow offenders across the border.

Cross-border Justice laws enable police, courts and corrective services to operate across the borders. If the crime is committed in the cross-border region or if you live in the cross-border region the borders no longer apply.

If you commit a crime in the region a police officer from any of the three participating states can arrest you anywhere in the region; you can be held in custody anywhere in the region and you can be tried by a court anywhere in the region.

Remember, beyond the border is not beyond the law.

For more information visit www.crossborderjustice.nt.gov.au

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