

Gambling Regulation Reform

Update

Reforms to the way the gambling sector in South Australia is regulated have commenced with the disbanding of the Independent Gambling Authority (IGA) and all regulatory and policy responsibilities transferred successfully to Consumer and Business Services (CBS) on 1 December 2018.

The Government's decision represents its larger commitment to modernise the legislation and regulations related to gambling in South Australia and is consistent with the key conclusions of the Administrative Review of Gambling Regulation in South Australia by the Hon. Tim Anderson QC.

At the request of the Attorney-General, the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner will now as previously announced, commence a broader review of all gambling regulation in SA and other aspects raised in Mr Anderson's report.

The Commissioner has also indicated that he will also resume the review of the Social Effect Inquiry Process, previously commissioned by the IGA, and will undertake reviews of the following—

- Criteria for the recognition of basic and advanced employee training
- Criteria for the recognition of account based cashless gaming systems and automated risk monitoring systems for hotels and clubs with gaming machines and for the Adelaide Casino
- Advertising and Responsible Gambling Codes of Practice
- Self-exclusion and other barring processes
- Recognition of industry bodies with whom a gaming machine licensee may enter into a responsible gambling agreement (currently Club Safe and Gaming Care)

The implementation of this commitment requires engagement with a range of gambling industry stakeholders, representatives of charitable, gambling support and social welfare organisations and the general public. Consultation is expected to commence early in the New Year.

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