

# **Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2007**

## **Explanatory Notes for amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by the Honourable Andrew Fraser MP**

### **Title of the Bill**

Gambling Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

### **Objectives of the Amendments**

The amendment aims to provide for the exercise of delegated power by the chief executive for administrative efficiency or in situations where approving grants from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund under the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* by the Minister could give rise to a potential conflict of interest.

### **Achievement of the Objectives**

The provisions dealing with the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* are to be achieved by the inclusion of an additional delegation power. This would allow the chief executive to approve a grant when it was impractical for the Minister to make the approval.

### **Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives**

There are no other practicable ways of achieving the policy objective.

### **Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles**

The amendment has been drafted with regard to fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Government consultation was undertaken with the departments of Premier and Cabinet; Child Safety; Communities and Disability Services; Education, Training and the Arts; Emergency Services; Employment and Industrial Relations; Health; Housing; Infrastructure and Planning; Justice and Attorney-General; Local Government, Sport and Recreation; Main Roads; Mines and Energy; Primary Industries and Fisheries; Public Works; Tourism, Regional Development and Industry; the Environmental Protection Agency and the Queensland Police Service.

## **Notes on Provisions**

### *Gaming Machine Act 1991*

Clause 1 omits clause 27 and replaces it with a new clause 27.

### **Clause 27 (Amendment of s 50 (delegations))**

This amendment inserts a new section 50(1A) which provides that the Minister may delegate to the chief executive the Minister's powers under—

- section 24(1)—to appoint a commissioner to act as chairperson of the commission; and
- section 322(6)—to cause amounts to be paid out of the gambling community benefit fund for the benefit of the community.