

# Proclamation – Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024

Explanatory notes for SL 2024 No. 95

Made under the

*Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*

## General Outline

### Short Title

Proclamation – Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024

### Authorising law

Section 2 of the *Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024*.

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Casino Control and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (Amendment Act), which received assent on 28 March 2024, contains amendments to the *Casino Control Act 1982* (Casino Control Act) and *Casino Control Regulation 1999* (Casino Control Regulation) to repeal the quarterly casino licence fee (fee) currently payable by casino licensees, and provide for an annual supervision levy (levy) to fund the regulation and oversight of casinos, and the conduct of programs aimed at reducing harm from gambling in Queensland.

Section 2 of the Amendment Act provides that the provisions relating to the levy and the repeal of the fee are to commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation, specifically:

- sections 15 to 23;
- section 85, to the extent it is not in force;
- section 86(2), to the extent it inserts a new definition of ‘supervision levy’; and
- section 100.

The objective of the Proclamation is to commence these provisions on 21 June 2024.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objective of the Proclamation is achieved by fixing 21 June 2024 as the commencement date for the provisions of the Amendment Act relating to the levy and the repeal of the fee.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The Proclamation is consistent with the policy objectives of the Casino Control Act, which is to ensure that, on balance, the State and the community as a whole benefit from casino regulation through a system of regulation and control designed to protect players and the community. The Proclamation achieves this object by commencing the provisions which introduce an annual levy and remove the quarterly fee.

## **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The Proclamation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

## **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

There is no alternative way to achieve the policy objectives.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The commencement of the relevant provisions of the Amendment Act will enable the quarterly fee to be replaced by an annual levy to fund casino regulation and harm minimisation programs. Imposition of a levy will ensure that the costs of regulating casinos are borne by those who benefit most from casino gambling and that there is sufficient funding to cover the costs of harm minimisation programs.

Costs of implementation to Government will be met from the levy.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Proclamation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

No consultation on the Proclamation was undertaken given its machinery nature.

A Summary Impact Analysis Statement has been completed, which identifies that the proclamation is not subject to regulatory impact assessment requirements under the *Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy*, as it is machinery in nature.