Gaming Machine (Gaming Machine Licences) Amendment Regulation 2025

Human Rights Certificate

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights Act 2019

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (HR Act), I, the Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Gaming Machine (Gaming Machine Licences)* Amendment Regulation 2025 (Amendment Regulation) made under the *Gaming Machine Act 1991* (Gaming Machine Act).

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the HR Act. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Amendment Regulation increases the maximum number of gaming machines that the Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming may approve a category 2 (club) gaming machine licensee to operate, subject to the club obtaining an appropriate number of gaming machine entitlements. The increases are only available to clubs that have been authorised to conduct gaming at more than one premises through the approval of an additional premises listed on the club's licence. Clubs with one additional premises will be eligible to apply to operate up to 600 machines across the two premises (increasing from the current prescribed maximum of 450); and clubs with two or more additional premises will be eligible to apply to operate up to 700 machines across all the premises listed on the licence (increasing from the current prescribed maximum of 500).

The current per-premises cap of 300 machines, regardless of the club's total number of premises, remains unchanged and the State-wide cap of 24,705 club gaming machine entitlements will be maintained.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the subordinate legislation (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 HR Act)

The Amendment Regulation does not affect or engage a human right under the HR Act.

Conclusion

I consider that the Amendment Regulation is compatible with the HR Act because it does not raise a human rights issue.

DEB FRECKLINGTON MP

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Integrity

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