



Consultation on the  
*Gaming Control Amendment (Future Gaming Market) Bill 2021*

**SUBMISSION FROM VXT**  
**Community Support Levy**

VXT makes the following submission to the Tasmanian Government regarding the Community Support Levy under proposed legislation. VXT is a private not for profit company owned by the Tasmanian Hospitality and Tourism Industry and the Tourism Industry of Tasmania.

Workforce development and training are amongst the most critical issues facing the Hospitality and Tourism Industry. Labour and skills shortages both preceding and during the pandemic are impacting the capacity of the industry to meet customer demand and expectations.

Deloitte Access Economics in their report commissioned for the Tasmanian Government in 2019 highlighted that the Labour Force Requirements of the Tasmanian Hospitality and Tourism industry would grow significantly with between 5,840 and 10,866 additional people required in 2030.

While Covid19 has impacted industry demand projections, industry is currently facing labour and skills shortages. This is the result of a significant reduction in international students and international candidates on working Visa's. In response to the shortages industry has been working proactively with Government to address the attractiveness of the industry for employment and established its own industry training organisation to improve training provision and training quality.

To support and fund these workforce challenges, VXT recommends the Community Support Levy (CSL) allocations be adjusted as follows:

- 25% for Sport and recreation clubs
- 25% for Charitable organisations
- 25% for problem gaming
- 25% for Tourism and Hospitality Workforce Development and Training

This allocation should not be utilised to offset current training allocations for the industry. The funding allocation would be utilised to fund accredited and unaccredited training, workforce development research and projects and support initiatives that promote employment in the Tourism and Hospitality Industry.

The existing methods for approving CSL allocations for Sport and Recreation clubs, Charitable organisations and problem gaming should remain as per the current Legislation. The recommended new 25% allocation for Tourism Hospitality Workforce Development and Training should be provided to VXT, the not-for-profit entity that has been established by the THA and TICT to progress the workforce development and training needs of the industry.

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Aaron Devine

**CHAIR**

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