

Future of Gaming in Tasmania

Overview of Responses to the *Future of Gaming in Tasmania Public Consultation - release of the Exposure Draft of the Bill 2021*

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Introduction

The second round of public consultation on the implementation of the Government's *The Future of Gaming in Tasmania* policy was undertaken between 7 July 2021 and 9 August 2021. This round of consultation sought submissions on the release of the exposure draft of the *Gaming Control Amendment (Future Gaming Market) Bill 2021* (the Bill) and a suite of associated sector-specific explanatory papers and fact sheets on the proposed amendments. Submissions were invited from interested parties addressing the implementation of the Government's policy through the intended legislative amendments - matters specific to the policy itself were outside the scope of the consultation process.

The first round of public consultation on the implementation of the Government's *The Future of Gaming in Tasmania* policy was undertaken between 25 February 2020 and 18 March 2020 and sought submissions on the proposed regulatory model and how well it implements the Government's policy. An overview of responses received to the first round of consultation can be found at: [Overview of Responses to Future of Gaming in Tasmania Public Consultation Paper.pdf](#).

The release of the exposure draft of the Bill provided an opportunity to consider and provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Gaming Control Act 1993* prior to the Bill's introduction to Parliament.

A total of 26 submissions were received.



Submissions by sector

The majority of submissions were from individuals, followed by the social services sector, members of Parliament (including political parties) and Local Government (including the Local Government Association of Tasmania) - refer to Table I below for more details.

A complete list of all submissions received is at Attachment A.

Table I - Submissions by sector

Sector	Number of submissions	%
Individuals	6	23
Social Services Sector	4	15
Members of Parliament/Political Parties	4	15
LGAT and Local Government	4	15
Gaming operators and services providers	3	12
Church Groups	3	12
Industry representative bodies	1	4
Hotel and club venue operators	1	4
Total	26	

Summary of submissions

Of the 26 submissions received, six submissions (23%) identified specific issues with the Bill and five (19%) recommended harm minimisation measures should be included in the Bill.

The majority of submissions commented on the Government's policy - 24 submissions (92%) out of the 26 submissions received proposed changes to the policy itself. Further, 18 submissions (69%) contained proposed specific harm minimisation measures. Out of the 26 submissions, 14 (54%) commented on the amount and/or distribution of the Community Support Levy.

Table 2 provides a summary of the high level suggestions/comments made in relation to the Bill and/or the policy from the submissions received.

Table 2 - High level position of submissions

Position	Number of submissions	%
Identified issues with, and/or suggested amendments to, the Bill	6	23
Recommend harm minimisation measures to be included in the Bill	5	19
Proposed changes to the Government policy and regulatory model	24	92
Proposed specific harm minimisation measures (not necessarily for inclusion in the Bill)	18	69

Attachment A - List of Submissions

Submissions received: *Future of Gaming in Tasmania Public Consultation 2021*

No.	From
1	Bob Holderness-Roddam
2	West Tamar Council
3	Tailrace Community Church
4	The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Australia
5	Launceston City Council
6	National Council of Women in Tasmania
7	Shearwater Resort
8	Peter Houtt
9	Anglicare Tasmania
10	TasCOSS
11	Tasmanian Hospitality Association (THA)
12	John Lawrence
13	The Salvation Army
14	Margie Law
15	Kristie Johnston MP
16	Tasmanian Greens
17	Meg Webb MLC
18	James Ayliffe
19	Andrew Wilkie MP
20	Gaming Technologies Association
21	Charles Livingstone
22	Federal Group
23	Uniting Church
24	Tabcorp
25	Glenorchy City Council
26	Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT)



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