

Gaming & racing

The ACT Government is reducing the harmful impacts of gambling across our community, while ensuring a sustainable and diverse club sector. We are working with the industry to ensure clubs of all sizes diversify while we reduce the number of poker machines in the ACT.

\$1.1 million
in support through
the Problem
Gambling
Assistance
Fund

The Gambling and Racing Commission funds projects from the Problem Gambling Assistance Fund to **help minimise harm from gambling**.

These include funding of the **ACT Gambling Counselling and Support Service**, delivery of **Gambling Harm Awareness week**, and a review of **Responsible Conduct of Gambling training**. The Government provides over \$7.5 million a year for racing codes, and a 50 per cent gaming machine tax rebate to small and medium clubs to diversify their income. This year, we also provided Community Club Grants of \$10,000 to 14 local clubs.

REDUCING THE NUMBER OF POKER MACHINES IN THE ACT

The ACT Government has **committed to reducing the number of poker machines** across the Territory to 4,000 by 2020.

As part of this transition, an independent expert has been commissioned to design a Club Industry Diversification Support Package that will **help local clubs reduce their reliance on gaming machine revenue**, while strengthening and expanding the services and recreation options they provide to the community.

POINT OF CONSUMPTION WAGERING TAX WILL COMMENCE ON 1 JANUARY 2019. WE WILL HELP TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF BETTING OPERATORS BY INTRODUCING A TAX OF 15 PER CENT OF NET WAGERING REVENUE ON ALL BETS PLACED IN THE ACT OR BY ACT RESIDENTS. **THIS TAX ON BETTING OPERATORS WILL GO BACK TO SUPPORTING SERVICES FOR CANBERRANS.**

