



**Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the  
Environment and Communications References  
Committee report:

Participation of Australians in online poker

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## Overview

The Australian Government notes the Environment and Communications References Committee (the committee) report into the Participation of Australians in online poker, which was tabled on 18 October 2017.

## Australian Government response

The Australian Government's response to the committee's report is set out below.

### Recommendation 1:

The committee commends the Australian Government's efforts to implement strong consumer protection measures, and harm minimisation strategies. The committee recommends that any future consideration of the legalisation of online poker should only occur following the complete implementation of the National Consumer Protection Framework.

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.

### Recommendation 2:

The committee recommends that the Department of Social Services support research into the impact of regulatory approaches on online poker, including the relative benefits and harms associated with prohibition and legalisation.

The Government **notes** this recommendation. However, given the passage of time since this report was tabled, a substantive Government response is no longer appropriate.