

Netbets

*Please refer to bold underlined (by us) in text below which was summed up by the committee.

Twenty Twice Consortium, Submission 66 Netbets

In early 2000 the Commonwealth Senate Select Committee inquiry on on-line gambling invited the Twenty Twice consortium, headed by Regis Controls Pty Ltd, to present in person our patented pre commitment and barring smartcard technologies. *(Regis is an acronym for Responsible Electronic Gaming via Instant System and Regis smartcard IP is a regulatory national pre commitment player tracking system)

The members of Senate Committee were: Senator Jeannie Ferris, Senator Mark Bishop, Senator Paul Calvert, Senator Brian Harradine, Senator Kate Lundy, Senator Julian McGauran, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja and Senator John Tierney.

The following is an extract and can be found on page 76 of The Parliament of the

Commonwealth of Australia "NETBETS", Report by the Senate Select Committee on Information Technologies March 2000. We believe the committee's comments relate directly to this current I.G.A barring enquiry as reference to EGM application and other gaming is highlighted in the commentary given by the committee.

Extract (commentary given by the committee below Underlining and bold highlight is ours). Please note Regis Controls Pty Ltd has exclusive licence for pre commitment technology.

Technology to implement harm minimisation policies 3.1 In its submission to the Committee, the Twenty-Twice Consortium detailed its recently registered patent for .Regulatory methods and means pertaining to the Australian and other national and International gaming establishments.

1 The patent is for a new form of technology that may facilitate the implementation of harm minimisation policies.

3.2 The patent is essentially for a smart card that is used by consumers to gamble on any computer networked gambling activity. Therefore, it applies equally to EGMs (which have a closed computer network) as it does to online gambling. The smart card can set a limit on the amount that a person can gamble. Also, it can be programmed to exclude a person from participating in gambling activities. **If the smart card was the only means by which EGMs and online gambling could be accessed, then any gambling limits and player exclusions would be wide ranging.**

The provisional patent includes the following specifications: The application is installed into a smart card chip which regulates the amount that can be deposited into the player's smart card purse and spent within any given month or other fixed period of time. Any winnings can be either transferred from the card to the player's bank/casino account or further played with or collected by the player from the casino or gaming establishment by any other arrangement that is mutually agreeable to both

the player and the casino or gaming establishment and excluding any identified problem gamblers and underage gamblers; A further feature to be installed in the licensed gaming venue (s) is the ability to bar problem gamblers. smart cards and/or magnetic stripe cards. Either issued by a bank or gaming establishment or any other related third party entity. The facility would deny a player from accessing their accounts or game entry access held at any casino or other gaming establishment(s) thus denying the problem gambler the ability to bet or play games should they so be directed by an appropriately designated body such as a court or social welfare agency.

This non-access period could be for days, weeks, months or years or in certain cases for life. This regulatory feature will be based on the recognition of a personal cardholder number(s) which is automatically accepted or rejected at all betting establishments that are subject to regulatory licensing;^{2[2]}

3.4 The Committee is pleased to note that new technologies are being developed that facilitate the implementation of harm minimisation policies. Hansard

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