

Australian Greens Additional Comments

The Australian Greens noted conflicting evidence from witnesses including the representatives of the churches and Clubs Australia regarding both the effectiveness and cost of implementing dollar bet limits on electronic gaming machines in Australia over a time period of five years or more. Greater clarity around this issue would assist the public debate when future reforms are considered, especially around the practicality of various timelines, the actual costs to industry, and the impact of previous changes to bet limits in state jurisdictions. Further evidence on the effectiveness of bet limits in limiting the harms of problem gambling is also desirable.

Recommendation 1

That the Australian Gambling Research Centre should prioritise research into the effectiveness and cost of implementing national bet limits on poker machines in Australia.

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