



MEDIA STATEMENT – MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES NATIONAL APPROACH TO GAMBLING VENUES EXCLUSIONS.

The Australasian Casino Association supports the announcement by the Minister for Home Affairs that the Commonwealth and the states and territories plan to implement a national approach to exclusion orders from gambling venues.

For some time now the Association has been advocating that a national system of police commissioners exclusions be developed across all states and territories. It has long been a concern of all members of the Association that while a customer may be considered to be undesirable by the police and therefore excluded from a casino in one jurisdiction, that person can still enter a casino elsewhere and the casino operator will not be aware that the customer has been excluded by a police commissioner from a casino in another jurisdiction.

Casinos work effectively with law enforcement agencies and state based regulators to ensure that the strict probity and operational integrity of casinos are guaranteed. While the number of people excluded under these orders is not large, the plan announced today will help to further ensure that the integrity of casino operations is protected.

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The Australasian Casino Association is the peak body for the casino industry in Australia and New Zealand.

There are 13 casinos in Australia and 6 casinos in New Zealand.