

Australian Casino Gaming Regulator (ACGR)

CASINO WORKSTREAM

Terms of Reference

Vision

We will achieve best regulatory practice through collaboration and bold vision. We will develop a shared set of principles to facilitate a broadly consistent approach to regulating casinos in Australia within the relevant regulatory frameworks applicable in each jurisdiction.

Priorities

- Drive nationally significant and strategic reform
- Apply consistent and co-ordinated national leadership
- Enhance the reputation of the casino industry
- Strengthen public confidence

Role

The ACGR casino stream has the following role:

- Provide a platform for improved regulatory information sharing
- Monitor risks and issues preventing casino regulators from delivering on objectives
- Ensure opportunities for alignment for consistency between jurisdictions are identified and capitalised on
- Build on existing regulatory capability, and increase interjurisdictional collaboration and networking
- Liaise with casino operators and other relevant regulators on issues of concern as appropriate

Meeting Arrangements

Committee membership

The AGCR casino stream is a high-level forum designed to discuss, promote and implement best practice. It is comprised of the Chief Executives/Commissioners (or their representatives) of the agencies responsible for the regulation of casinos in Australia.

Committee members will bring knowledge of their respective business areas and functions to the discussions, while also focusing on the interests of Australian casino regulators.

Committee members are responsible for identifying issues that may benefit from a discussion at the ACGR casino stream and to notify the secretariat of these issues so that they can be tabled.

Appropriate Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) can be invited to relevant parts of the meeting, as needed.

Opportunities for working groups to be established on a case-by-case basis.

Secretariat

The role of secretariat will be provided by The NSW Independent Casino Commission.

Meeting frequency

Meetings will be scheduled on quarterly basis and may be held either in person or via MS Teams. Meetings will be scheduled at least three months in advance.

At least one meeting per year will be held in person.

The Chair

The Chief Commissioner, NSW Independent Casino Commission is the ACGR Chair. The Chair will facilitate frank, open, respectful, and inclusive discussion.

If the Chair is unavailable, the Chair will appoint a proxy prior to the meeting.

Agendas

Meeting agendas will be set collaboratively and with meaningful input from all attendees. It is not intended that meetings are primarily comprised of jurisdictional updates.

Agendas will focus on items requiring substantive discussion and decisions.

Agendas will include a standing *item for discussion* of State and Territory priorities.

Meeting papers

Where possible, papers and presentations will be circulated by the secretariat to members one week before a meeting.

Decisions and record of meeting

Where appropriate, decisions should be principles-based and allow individual jurisdictions flexibility to determine the best way to achieve any agreed outcomes. Consensus decision-making is preferred.

A media statement summarising the outcomes from the ACGR casino stream may be agreed by all members and released following each meeting. The media statement constitutes the public record of agreed outcomes.

Agreed meeting outcomes may include, but are not limited to, policy announcements, future tasking and agreed public messaging.

Minutes of the meeting will be distributed 10 days following the meeting to members.

Confidentiality and handling of documents

Discussions and documents of ACGR casino stream are considered confidential and should be classified as Official: Sensitive in the classification system unless a higher classification is required.

ACGR casino stream documents will be subject to different information management laws in each jurisdiction

Protection of confidentiality ensures proper functioning of ACGR casino stream and ensures that members may exchange differing views and achieve outcomes together

The ACGR casino stream will agree collectively on the release of any documents, noting that it may be contrary to the public interest for some information to be released.