



RESILIENT CLUBS, RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



13 October 2014

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is between the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government and ClubsNSW.

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to transforming our state into the best place to live, work, raise a family and invest. We are committed to strengthening the State's economy and provide more jobs.

We also support the community benefits of a strong and vibrant clubs sector that can assist in increasing visitors, attracting additional investment and jobs, particularly in regional NSW. Clubs are also a great place for locals to enjoy themselves responsibly.

Clubs in NSW employ 42,000 people and contribute more than \$3.2 billion a year to the state's economy. They maintain 719 Bowling Greens, 353 Golf Courses, 100 Tennis Facilities and 96 Sporting Fields. More than 40% of registered clubs are located in regional NSW and employ approximately 20,000 people.

COMMITMENTS

1. Gaming Taxation

A re-elected NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will maintain the current clubs gaming tax regime and ClubGRANTS contribution. Clubs contribute \$2.96 billion over the next four years to state revenue and \$270 million in GST from gaming revenue.

Revenue Band	Labor's 2003 Tax Rate	Labor's pre 2011 Tax Rate	NSW Liberals & Nationals Current Tax Rate
0 - \$200k	0%	0%	0%
\$200k - \$1m (for clubs with revenue < \$1m)	20%	9.09%	9.09%
\$200k - \$1m (for clubs with revenue > \$1m)	20%	19.09%	19.09%
\$1m - \$5m	26.25%	30.09%	28.99%
\$5m - \$10m	26.25%	35.09%	33.49%
\$10m - \$20m	26.25%	38.09%	35.49%
\$20m plus	26.25%	39.99%	37.49%

2. ClubGRANTS

Retention of existing ClubGRANTS contributions and enhancement of the scheme by:

- Strengthening the local committee system that determines local funding priorities to make it easier for community groups to apply for and obtain grants;
- Considering use of the scheme to assist in providing community care services; and
- Launching an annual ClubGRANTS Award for Community Involvement.

3. Gaming Policy

Provide transparency in the decision making process with evidence based research and shared responsibility in formulating gambling policy for the State, including:

- Working with industry and community to introduce voluntary pre-commitment throughout NSW;
- Determine the appropriate use of new and developing technologies and games by clubs that support industry development;
- Increase the cheque issuing limit from \$2,000 to \$5,000 and align this with the jackpot transfer limit and ticket input limit while lowering the cash insertion limit from \$10,000 to \$7,500 substantially reducing red tape, removing more than 250,000 cheques from the system, achieving consistency between club transactions and ensuring policy measures are better targeted at the most acute end of problem gamblers; and
- Retain existing gaming machine operating conditions, with proposed changes subject to a rigorous assessment including cost-benefit analysis and consultation.

4. Club Establishment and Amalgamated Clubs

A NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will:

- Align the planning and licensing systems so that community transparency is increased whilst government red tape is streamlined and simplified; and
- Review the rules regarding club amalgamations and de-amalgamations with a view to streamlining both processes and allow clubs to merge and de-merge as their local situation requires.

5. Emergency Services

A NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will:

- Recognise the role Clubs play in sheltering communities and supporting emergency services during natural disasters and other emergencies;
- Enhance the capabilities of clubs to act as evacuation centres and determine if ClubGRANTS should be broadened to include capital upgrades used during emergency situations e.g. emergency power supplies, dam expansions and other necessary support measures to ensure Clubs can continue to play this vital role; and
- Facilitate a partnership between local clubs and emergency services to increase community responsiveness and preparedness.

6. Responsible Service of Alcohol

The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government notes that violence in licenced venues has decreased significantly over the past six years. We commit to:

- Reaffirm the focus is on individual and industry responsibility;
- Recognise that the vast majority of clubs are safe, well regulated places benefiting the community; and
- Target policy measures and enforcement action at unsafe venues with records of violent incidents.

7. Transparency and Responsibility

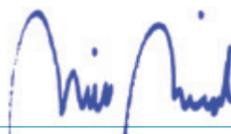
A NSW Liberals & Nationals Government will:

- Review the Local Impact Assessment process to ensure it is meeting community and industry needs. The Review will also explore the option of introducing leasing arrangements in the LIA scheme if it can be shown that there is a net community benefit achieved.
- Open consultation for a roots and branch modernisation of the *Lotteries and Arts Union Act 1901* to ensure local clubs, charities and church groups have a flexible and contemporary regulatory framework.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

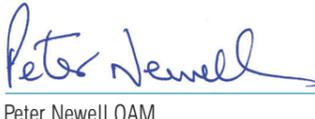
The Agreement binds the parties until the end of the term of the NSW Government to be elected in 2015.

A NSW Liberals & Nationals Government and ClubsNSW will jointly undertake a full review of the terms of the Agreement before the end of that term of government, with a view to reaching further understanding in relation to matters concerning clubs which would cover the following term.


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