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Statement of Expectations 2023-24

The Gambling and Racing Commission is an independent body established under section 5 of the *Gambling and Racing Control Act 1999*. The Act establishes the powers, functions and activities of the Commission.

The Commission is governed by an independent Board, in accordance with Division 2.2 of the Act.

As required under section 7 of the Act, the Commission performs its functions in a way that best promotes the public interest, and in particular, as far as practicable:

- promotes consumer protection;
- minimises the possibility of criminal or unethical activity; and
- reduces the risks and costs of gambling harm to individual gamblers and the wider community.

The Commission's vision is a Canberra free from gambling harm.

For 2023-24, the Commission has set the following focus areas, noting this is not the full range of activities undertaken:

Public health approach to gambling harm prevention

- Conduct the ACT Gambling Survey in 2024 to continue the time series from previous ACT surveys and contribute to the evidence base
- Continue building engagement with the community support sector and people with lived experience to ensure their perspectives inform activity
- Conduct activities throughout the Gambling Harm Awareness Week with the aim of reducing stigma
- Continue engaging with industry on gambling harm prevention and mitigation



Educate, engage and enforce

- Monitor casino operations, in the context of change in upstream ownership
- Monitor licensee protection of excluded persons

Valuing our partnerships

- Continue to inform the EGM reform program so that efficient regulation and harm prevention are incorporated into the design
- Engage with relevant partners in ACT Government to apply the public health approach to gambling harm prevention
- Continue participation in national forums to support the public health approach and promote collaboration.

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