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GAMING MACHINE CONTROL (CLOCKS) REGULATIONS 2001

Notice of decision

I, John Pandazopoulos, Minister for Gaming, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, of my decision to recommend to the Governor in Council that the proposed Gaming Machine Control (Clocks) Regulations 2001 be made.

Objective and effect of the proposed Regulations

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to foster responsible gambling by requiring the time of day to be displayed on each gaming machine available for gaming, so that players can be aware of the time of day and the passage of time.

Receipt of submissions

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared for the proposed Regulations and the public was invited to make written submissions on the proposed Regulations and RIS. Six submissions were received. The submissions were generally supportive of the proposed Regulations but some suggested changes to the proposed Regulations. Some of these changes are warranted and do not defeat the objective of the proposed Regulations.

Changes to the proposed Regulations

Continuous time display will be required only when a person is able to play a game on the gaming machine. This will allow the display of other occasional messages on a gaming machine in place of the time display.

Venue operators will be able to repair failed time displays where they are capable of doing so, for example, where the time display is a battery operated clock attached to the gaming machine and the battery has expired. However, the fact that the display has been fixed must be notified to the gaming operator.

The obligation on the casino operator to disallow play on a machine without a proper time display will arise only in the circumstances where the same obligation falls on a gaming operator, ie when the casino operator knows or

could be reasonably expected to know that the time display does not comply with the Regulations.

The words "removal from use" in draft sub-regulations 8(1) and 8(3) tended to suggest a physical removal of a gaming machine, which is not intended. Rather, a notice issued under regulation 8 will require a gaming operator or casino operator to make a gaming machine unavailable for use.

It is proposed that the Regulations will commence on 30 June 2001.

Obtaining copies of the Regulations

After 30 June 2001 copies of the Regulations will be available from: Information Victoria, Ground Floor, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000. Telephone 1300 366 356; Internet www.information.vic.gov.au and may be viewed on the internet at: www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/

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