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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Gaming No.2 (Bingo) (Amendment) Regulations 2002

Notice is given under section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, that a Regulatory Impact Statement ("RIS") has been prepared in relation to the proposed Gaming No.2 (Bingo) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

The RIS discusses the need to ensure that community or charitable organisations, which hold a minor gaming permit to conduct sessions of bingo (permit holders), receive a reasonable share of proceeds from their sessions. The RIS also discusses the problem of the amount of expenses and the fee payable to a bingo centre operator. The RIS looks at a further issue of prescribing periods and time limits for returns by bingo centre operators, as required under section 47 of the **Gaming No. 2 Act 1997** ("the Act").

The purpose of the proposed Regulations is to provide:

- for an equitable distribution of the gross proceeds from a session of bingo, taking into account expenses, eg rental and other costs associated with the conduct of bingo;
- for a minimum return to permit holders through the setting of a maximum prize payout;
- scope for prize payouts to be increased;
- clarification that the fee provided for under section 26(2)(e) of the Act is only payable where the permit holder is not required to provide any assistance in the conduct of its sessions of bingo or any assistance in the operation of the bingo centre; and
- a return date for centre operators that is in accordance with the return date for bingo permit holders.

The regulation of prize limits and expenses will apply to bingo sessions conducted both at bingo centres and other venues.

Copies of the RIS are available from the Office of Gambling Regulation at Level 5, 35 Spring Street, Melbourne 3000 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays, telephone 9651 3333. A copy may also be downloaded from the Office's website at www.gambling.ogr.vic.gov.au

Public comments or submissions are invited on the proposed Regulations and RIS. All comments and submissions must be received in writing by: Mr Peter Cohen, Acting Director of Gaming and Betting, PO Box 1988R, Melbourne, Vic. 3001 no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday 29 October 2002. All comments and submissions will be treated as public documents.

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