

Gaming Machine and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2025

Human Rights Certificate

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, the Honourable Deb Frecklington MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Gaming Machine and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2025* (Amendment Regulation) made under the *Gaming Machine Act 1991*, the *Keno Act 1996*, and the *State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999*.

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Amendment Regulation amends the *Gaming Machine Regulation 2002*, the *Keno Regulation 2007* and the *State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014* to implement three priority gaming red tape reduction reforms. These reforms align with a Queensland Government commitment to work with the State's club and hotel industries to support their business and the community. The reforms aim to modernise payment methods, reduce regulatory burdens on licensees, improve operational flexibility and support secure gaming machine operations in the hotel and club sector.

Specifically, the Amendment Regulation seeks to:

- modernise gaming machine payment requirements by removing cheques as the default payment method for certain cancelled credit and jackpot payouts;
- relax requirements concerning the security of gaming machine doors during non-trading periods, while maintaining safeguards, to deter theft and reduce the risk of damage during break-ins; and
- remove outdated cheque payment requirements for certain keno remittances to the chief executive, supporting a more flexible and payment-neutral approach.

These changes primarily relate to regulatory and operational processes within licensed gaming venues and administrative arrangements involving the keno licensee. They do not impose new restrictions or obligations on individuals or limit their rights or freedoms.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the subordinate legislation (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

The Amendment Regulation does not affect or engage a human right under the Human Rights Act.

Conclusion

I consider that the Amendment Regulation is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not raise a human rights issue.

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