

Inquiry into the Gaming Machine Amendment Bill 2011

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts

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Dear Ms Le Coutuer

The Canberra Racing Club has 14 Gaming Machines which are located in the Thoroughbred Club room within Thoroughbred Park (Canberra Racecourse). The use of these machines by patrons is minimal and the machines are only available for use on the 26 race meetings conducted by the Club throughout the year.

The Canberra Racing Club is concerned regarding the impact on race day patrons of section 153A regarding the limit of \$250 from all Automatic Teller Machines (ATM's) at a licensed premises using a single card on a single day.

The geographical location of Thoroughbred Park ensures that many of our patrons rely on ATM's located within the course to withdraw money to fund their race day experience in areas such as food and beverages, wagering on horse racing and taxis for travel. To place a limit on the amount of money able to be withdrawn due to 14 Gaming Machines that the majority of patrons are unaware of their existence is inconceivable to the Club. It is our belief that such requirements for small Gaming Machines operators such as ours fall outside of the spirit of the Gaming Machine Amendment Bill 2011 and would place additional difficulties in attracting patrons. As such the Canberra Racing Club would like to secure an exemption from the provisions of Section 153A for Thoroughbred Park (Canberra Racecourse).

Yours Sincerely

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