



ACT Policing

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Dear Mr Cain MLA

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on the Inquiry into Cashless Gaming in the ACT, particularly, the term of reference *the nature and extent of money laundering that may be occurring in licensed premises in ACT through electronic gaming machines*.

Electronic gaming machines are one of many methodologies used by money laundering syndicates to obfuscate the source of their wealth, often derived from other illicit activities such as drugs and firearms trafficking and extortion. Money laundering syndicates currently operate in the ACT and across regional NSW.

The NSW Crime Commission released a report last year (*Inquiry into Money Laundering via Electronic Gaming Machines*) finding that billions of dollars is being laundered through poker machines across NSW. ACT gaming machines were not assessed as part of the inquiry due to jurisdictional limits. It cannot be assumed the activity identified to be occurring in NSW does not occur within the ACT.

ACT Policing would therefore support the introduction of cashless gaming in the Territory. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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