

The object of this Bill is to make miscellaneous amendments to certain Acts (including the *Registered Clubs Act 1976*, the *Liquor Act 2007* and the *Gaming Machines Act 2001*) for the following purposes:

- (a) to include additional requirements (particularly in relation to club corporate governance) that will apply in relation to clubs,
- (b) to modify the manner in which clubs can amalgamate and to provide a process under which amalgamated clubs can subsequently de-amalgamate,
- (c) to provide additional rules for clubs in relation to the election and membership of their governing bodies,
- (d) to confer honorary membership of all RSL or services clubs on former Defence Force personnel who are Service Members of the RSL,
- (e) to impose requirements in relation to certain loan contracts that are entered into by clubs and contracts involving the management of the affairs of a club by private persons or businesses,
- (f) to delete provisions relating to the holding of formal inquiries about corrupt or improper conduct in relation to clubs,
- (g) to modify the current exemption under which liquor may be sold or supplied without a licence when it is part of a gift,
- (h) to enable hotels to continue to provide services or facilities (including gambling and entertainment) during periods when liquor is not being sold or supplied in the hotel,
- (i) to enable the Director-General of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services (the **Director-General**) to give directions relating to the operation of “sale on other premises” authorisations that are held by the holders of certain on-premises licences, such as licensed caterers, and that enable the sale or supply of liquor on premises other than the licensed premises,
- (j) to provide that it is a defence for club managers accused of certain liquor-related offences if it is proven that they took reasonable precautions to avoid the commission of the offence concerned,
- (k) to modify arrangements relating to gaming machine entitlements and permits that are held in respect of hotels and clubs,
- (l) to remove, in the case of a club that has more than one set of premises, the forfeiture requirements for gaming machine entitlement transfers between the different club premises,
- (m) to exempt de-amalgamating clubs from the local impact assessment process, and from forfeiture requirements, when gaming machine entitlements are being transferred to club premises as part of the de-amalgamation process,
- (n) to enable the Director-General to approve of arrangements for the transfer of permits that were issued under the former Liquor Act and continue to be held in respect of hotel licences,
- (o) to remove provisions relating to the approval of “hardship” gaming machines and the keeping of approved amusement devices,
- (p) to rename the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority (the **Authority**) as the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority,
- (q) to rename the Act under which the Authority is constituted as the *Gaming and Liquor Administration Act 2007* and to transfer to that Act certain administrative provisions that apply generally to the gaming and liquor legislation (such as the review by the Authority of certain decisions of the Director-General under that legislation),
- (r) to make it clear that fees may be charged for services that are provided in connection with the administration of the gaming and liquor legislation,
- (s) to make a number of other amendments of an administrative, minor or consequential nature.