



New South Wales

Casino Control Amendment Bill 2023

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Casino Control Act 1992* to—

- (a) authorise the Treasurer to enter into a jobs guarantee agreement with a casino operator, and
- (b) clarify that the announcement of new casino duty rates and certain other actions do not give rise to any rights to compensation from the Crown, and

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name, also called the short title, of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Casino Control Act 1992 No 15

Schedule [1] and [2] amend the *Casino Control Act 1992*, section 35 to extend the application of the section so that if a major change in the state of affairs of a casino operator involves a person becoming a close associate of the casino operator, the NICC must not grant approval for the major change unless the NICC is satisfied the close associate is a suitable person to be involved in the management of a casino, or holds an exemption under section 42A(2)(a) or would be eligible for the grant of an exemption under the paragraph.

Schedule 1[3] amends the definition of *regulatory action* in the *Casino Control Act 1992*, section 156 to clarify that certain Acts that affect or override the terms of a commercial agreement between the Crown and a casino operator, or certain Acts that impose a tax, duty or levy, do not

give rise to compensation payable by the Crown to a casino operator. **Schedule 1[4]** extends the definition of *regulatory action* to include an announcement, statement or other action taken by the Crown in preparation for, or otherwise in relation to, a matter mentioned by the definition. These changes clarify that the announcement of the new casino duty rates and certain other actions do not give rise to any rights to compensation from the Crown.

Schedule 1[8] inserts proposed section 157 to authorise the Treasurer to enter into an agreement with a casino operator that provides for a requirement for a minimum number of persons to be employed in relation to the casino and penalties payable for failure to comply with the agreement.