



**INDEPENDENT PRICING AND REGULATORY TRIBUNAL
OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

Review into Gambling Harm Minimisation Measures
(ref: 03/213)

As part of its current review into gambling harm minimisation measures, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (the Tribunal) will accept comments on the following six reports on gambling issues until 30 January 2004:

- A C Nielson, 2003, *Evaluation of the Impact of the Three Hour Shutdown of Gaming Machines – Final Report*, May.
- Auckland UniServices Limited, 2003, *Assessment of the Research on Technical Modifications to Electronic Gaming Machines in NSW, Australia – Final Report*, May.
- Consumer Contact, 2003, *Testing of Harm Minimisation Messages for Gaming Machines*, May.
- Dickerson, M., Haw, J., and L. Shepherd, 2003, *Psychological Causes of Problem Gambling: A Longitudinal Study of At Risk Recreational EGM Players*, March.
- Hing, N., 2003, *An Assessment of Member Awareness, Perceived Adequacy and Perceived Effectiveness of Responsible Gambling Strategies in Sydney Clubs*, September.
- NIEIR (National Institute of Economic and Industry Research), 2003, *The Economic Impact of Gambling*, July.

The reports were commissioned by the Casino Community Benefit Fund and publicly released on Monday 15 December 2003. The reports are now available from the Department of Gaming and Racing website: www.dgr.nsw.gov.au.

Comments should be limited to the above reports and must reach the Tribunal by COB Friday 30 January 2004. Due to the review timeframe, it will not be possible to grant extensions for providing comments on these reports. Comments will be treated as final once received.

Further information on the Tribunal's gambling review, including the review's Issues Paper and submissions, can be accessed at the IPART website: www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

Comments should be made in writing by COB 30 January 2004 to:

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There is no standard format for comments but, if more than 15 pages in length, they should also be provided electronically. Unless confidentiality is sought comments are generally available for public inspection at the Tribunal's offices and will be available on-line in PDF format until 3-4 weeks after the release of the final report.

The Tribunal may exercise its discretion not to exhibit any comments based on length or content (e.g. material that is defamatory, offensive, or in breach of any law).

The Tribunal may refer to the comments or their specific aspects in any subsequent publication unless full or partial confidentiality is clearly marked on the comments. However, claims for access to such comments will be determined in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* and section 22A of the *Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal Act 1992*.

Privacy

All submissions will be treated in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998*. Any personal information you give us will not be reused for another purpose.

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Chairman
16 December 2003

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