

# WHO VOTED FOR A LICENCE TO PUNT?

If the Federal Government get their way you'll have to apply for a licence just so you can play the pokies.

They want to treat ordinary players as problem gamblers and in the process invade your personal privacy and put at risk the role we play as a not-for-profit Club in supporting our local community.

We don't believe it's right and that is why we are speaking out to inform our members of the facts, so that you can make your own decision and stand up for your rights as an Australian, and help protect the future of your Club.



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# THE FACTS

## About the Government's Proposed Gaming Reforms

In September 2010, Julia Gillard made a deal with Tasmanian Independent Andrew Wilkie to gain his support for the Australian Labor Party to secure government. A part of that deal was the introduction of an un-tested, un-proven mandatory pre-commitment scheme on all poker machines across the country.

This deal ignored advice from the Productivity Commission's 2010 Report on Gambling which recommended that pre-commitment be fully trialed and then its effectiveness of reducing problem gambling evaluated before introduction.

**“This will affect all members, not just those who play the pokies”**

Instead the Federal Government has backed the idea of a Tasmanian Independent who received just 13,788 primary votes and is now set to introduce a nation-wide licence to punt, a licence that invades your personal rights, and threatens the livelihood of our community clubs and the millions of dollars in support they provide to our communities. Mr Wilkie is now holding the government to ransom over the claims and has been quoted saying he will withdraw his support for the government if his demands are not met.

The sad reality is that these reforms will likely do very little to fix problem gambling. Instead they will impose restrictions on the recreational gambler that will lead to a major reduction in revenue for clubs. As a result, community funding will be cut, meal and drink prices will have to be increased, entertainment will be cut and jobs will be lost. These reforms treat all Australians as problem gamblers, despite the proven fact 99.60% of us can enjoy a flutter on the pokies in a responsible manner.

Aside from treating all Australians as problem gamblers, the new reforms will also see your personal information stored on a national database of poker machine players - details of some 5 million plus Australians. We believe this is Un-Australian and an invasion of our freedom to choose how we spend our money, without big brother watching our every move.

### What will happen if the proposed reforms are introduced:

- You will need to sign up for a licence to play the pokies.
- Your details will be stored on a national database.
- Meal and drinks prices will go up and entertainment cut.
- Jobs of the staff you know and love will be lost.
- Funding to local sport and community groups will be cut.
- Many clubs will face closing their doors.

If gambling is a problem for you then please speak to our trained staff who can help discuss support options available to you or contact the Gambling Help line on 1800 858 858.

If you would like to voice your opinion against the proposed gaming reforms, then fill out a coaster to join our petition, visit [www.its-unaustralian.com.au](http://www.its-unaustralian.com.au) or contact your local Commonwealth Member of Parliament.

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