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CUTTING RED TAPE FOR COMMUNITY FUNDRAISERS

The NSW Government is proposing to reduce red tape for charities, churches, clubs and businesses wanting to run community lotteries and trade promotions to raise money and awareness for their organisations.

Feedback on the idea is being sought through a discussion paper that proposes changes to the Lotteries and Art Unions Act to modernise regulations on everything from chocolate wheels at school fetes to art unions with prizes of multi-million dollar homes.

The proposed model will bring NSW into line with other jurisdictions by separating community lotteries from trade promotions and dividing them into two categories, meaning:

- Only organisations conducting trade promotions with a prize value over \$10,000 in any 12 month period would require a permit; and
- Community lotteries with gross proceeds of less than \$25,000 would no longer require a permit.

The proposed changes will provide time and financial savings for those organisations that will no longer need a permit.

Deputy Premier Troy Grant said these fundraising activities and promotions are part of the social fabric of local communities across metropolitan and regional NSW.

“Raffles and art unions are a popular way to raise funds for charities, local sports clubs and small businesses, especially in regional NSW where community support keeps many of these organisations going,” Mr Grant said.

“It’s vital that any changes don’t undermine the integrity, fairness and probity of these activities or increase potential for community harm in areas such as problem gambling.”

Organisations that run community gaming activities and trade promotions and the wider community and can make submissions to the review until Friday 26 August 2016.

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