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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROCESS FOR REGULATING GAMING MACHINE NUMBERS**

The community and industry stakeholders are being invited to provide input into a review of the process that helps control gaming machine numbers within venues and local areas and reduces harms linked to problem gambling.

Liquor & Gaming NSW Deputy Secretary Paul Newson said the review will examine whether the Local Impact Assessment (LIA) process continues to best meet community and industry needs.

“LIA is part of the NSW Government’s wider gaming machine threshold scheme that controls movement of gaming machines and restricts their concentration in areas where problem gambling risks outweigh potential benefits,” Mr Newson said.

“Under the scheme, local government areas are classified into one of three bands based on existing gaming machine density and expenditure and socio-economic factors.

“Venues seeking extra gaming machines must apply to the NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority (ILGA) Board, and in most cases undertake a LIA.

“To approve extra gaming machines in areas with higher risks of problem gambling, the ILGA Board must be satisfied that concerns arising from consultation have been appropriately considered and that any increase will positively impact the local community.”

Mr Newson said the review will consider if the assessment of community impacts of reallocating gaming machines into an area should continue to occur at the local government level or whether there could be a new measure of ‘local community’.

Liquor & Gaming NSW is now inviting the community and all interested stakeholders to make a submission. Feedback will be used to develop recommendations for the ongoing operation of the LIA scheme.

Visit [www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au](http://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au) to view a [discussion paper](#) and find out how to make a submission.

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