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### **IMPROVING CASINO REGULATION IN NSW**

The NSW Government has released the Casino Modernisation Review and its draft response, and will seek comment over the next month, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

“The recommendations from the review would significantly update NSW’s model of casino regulation,” Mr Toole said.

The review supports changes to the Casino Control Act 1992 that reflect a risk-based approach to regulation, which is consistent between venues.

“With Crown Sydney expected to open in 2021, it is essential a modern regulatory regime is applied consistently to both Crown and The Star,” Mr Toole said.

The Casino Modernisation Review, undertaken by The Agenda Group, follows a 2013 commitment to update casino regulation for this new competitive environment.

The Government supports the principles recommended by the review: lessening the regulatory burden for insignificant, low-risk administrative matters and a greater focus on activities that present actual risk.

The review recommends targeted intervention with tough penalties for serious compliance breaches. It supports stronger measures to prevent and reduce harm associated with problem gambling at casinos.

It also recommends changes to enhance competitiveness of Sydney’s casinos in the international market for high-value players, which would include an alignment of the rules surrounding credit provision and smoking restrictions.

The Government does not support the recommendation to abolish licensing of casino employees nor the recommendation to allow casinos to run their own problem gambling services.

The review and draft response are available [here](#)

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