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WAGGA WAGGA HOTEL BROKER CONVICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF POKER MACHINES

A Wagga Wagga hotel broker has been convicted and fined \$7,500 for the illegal possession of poker machines following an investigation by Liquor & Gaming NSW.

On Wednesday 19 April, Nicholas Tinning pleaded guilty to the offences in Wagga Wagga Local Court.

On 11 May 2016, Liquor & Gaming NSW inspectors and NSW police visited Mr Tinning's residential property north of Wagga Wagga and found five poker machines and several poker machine parts.

Liquor & Gaming NSW's Director of Compliance Operations, Sean Goodchild, said the Gaming Machines Act 2001 imposes serious penalties, including fines and imprisonment, for illegal possession or sale of gaming machines.

"Such offences can threaten the integrity of the gaming industry and lead to a lack of public confidence in regulatory controls," Mr Goodchild said.

"It is against the law to be in possession of a gaming machine in NSW unless properly authorised, with maximum potential penalties of up to \$11,000 and or 12 months imprisonment."

Suspect gaming machine sales can be reported for investigation on 02 9995 0837 or complaints@olgr.nsw.gov.au

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