

Gaming Machine Reforms

The Local Impact Assessment (LIA) scheme previously classified all Local Government Areas (LGAs) in NSW based on the risks of introducing additional gaming machines into that LGA. LGAs were ranked into three bands – Band 1 (low risk), Band 2 (medium risk) and Band 3 (high risk).

Under the reforms, the banding system remains in place. However the LIA scheme now classifies areas based on their Statistical Area Level 2 (SA2), a geographical boundary set by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. These are smaller than LGAs and have between 3,000 and 25,000 people. They have been designed to represent how a community interacts together economically and socially.

These SA2s are ranked according to the likely risk of gambling related harm in the community from additional gaming machines. The smaller SA2 community boundaries allows the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority to more accurately understand the impact of additional gaming machines on communities around NSW.

Examples of how areas around NSW are now classified are provided below. More information on how the changes impact your community is available at our website liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au.

