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Via email: CashAcceptanceConsultation@treasury.gov.au

To whom it may concern,

Re: Mandating Cash Acceptance Consultation

Clubs Australia appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the mandating cash acceptance consultation paper.

Clubs Australia represents over 5,000 licensed clubs that employ more than 140,000 people. Clubs are not-for-profit, member-owned organisations whose central activity is to provide sporting and recreation infrastructure to their members and the wider community.

Use of cash in the club industry and cash-in-transit services

Clubs accept both cash and digital payments various services, including food and beverage, live entertainment, gambling and sporting events. For most Australian jurisdictions, services such as electronic gaming machines (EGMs), must legally accept cash only.

Clubs Australia notes that several jurisdictions have announced the proposed introduction of account-based gaming however the time frame to implement these changes has not been confirmed. Therefore, we continue to support that consumers can choose whether they use cash or digital payment methods.

Many clubs, particularly in regional and rural areas, provide the only ATM in the town for the community to use and access. It is critical that there are reliable cash-in-transit services to ensure clubs can continue to provide this service to patrons and allow for patrons to use cash.

Recommendations

Clubs Australia:

- Supports the Government's acknowledgement that there is an ongoing place for cash in society.
- Supports that consumers can choose between cash and digital payment options and ensures patrons who wish to purchase in cash can do so.



- Recommends the Government continue to consult on the acceptance of cash.

Clubs Australia would appreciate the opportunity to be included in further consultation on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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