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Gambling Regulation Act 2003

MINISTERIAL DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 3.2.3(1)

I, Jane Garrett, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation, under section 3.2.3(1) of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003** (the Act), revoke all previous directions to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (the Commission) and, in substitution, direct the Commission –

- (a) that, under section 3.2.3(1)(d), in respect of the 27,372 gaming machines permitted to be available for gaming in all approved venues under the Act, other than the Melbourne Casino, a bet limit of \$5 will apply; and
- (b) that, under section 3.2.3(1)(h), the conditions that the Commission must specify in a notice under sections 62AB(4), 62AC(2) and 81AAB(2) of the **Casino Control Act 1991**, referred to in section 3.2.3(1)(g) of the Act, are:
 - (i) the total of –
 - (A) the total number of gaming machines which are operating at any time in a mode where spin rate, bet limit, autoplay and note acceptors are unrestricted (unrestricted mode) in all areas specified by notice under section 62AB(4) or 62AC(2) of the **Casino Control Act 1991**; plus
 - (B) the total number of gaming machines from which winnings or accumulated credits in excess of \$2,000 may be paid out in cash in all areas specified by notice under section 81AAB(2) of the **Casino Control Act 1991**; minus
 - (C) the total number of gaming machines which are both operating in unrestricted mode and from which winnings or accumulated credits in excess of \$2,000 may be paid out in cash as referred to in sub paragraph (B)
 must not exceed 1,000.
 - (ii) a gaming machine located in an area specified by a notice under sections 62AB(4), 62AC(2) or 81AAB(2) of the **Casino Control Act 1991** and referred to in section 3.2.3(1)(g) of the Act, may only operate in unrestricted mode if:
 - (A) the pre-commitment system is communicating with the gaming machine and in order to access that unrestricted mode a person is required to use their player card, and has set a time limit and a net loss limit on their playing of gaming machines on that player card and has not exceeded either their time limit or the net loss limit; or
 - (B) the pre-commitment system is unable to communicate with the gaming machine due to a failure, act or omission of a person other than the Melbourne Casino Operator (as defined in **Casino (Management Agreement) Act 1993**), in which case the gaming machine can only be played in unrestricted mode by means of a player card and by a person who had, before the pre-commitment system stopped communicating with the gaming machine, set a time limit and a net loss limit on their playing of gaming machines on that player card and who has not exceeded either their time limit or the net loss limit and only:
 - (I) for the following time periods –
 - (a) during the 5 hours immediately following the pre-commitment system ceasing to communicate with the gaming machine where those hours are between 2 pm and 9 am; or
 - (b) during the 3 hours immediately following the pre-commitment system ceasing to communicate with the gaming machine where those hours are between 9 am and 2 pm; and being a maximum total number of 5 hours in the 24-hour period immediately after the pre-commitment system stopped communicating with the gaming machine; or
 - (II) for such other period as determined by the Minister.

(iii) the payment of winnings or accumulated credits in excess of \$2,000 may only be paid by cash if the winnings or credits are from one of the up to 1,000 machines specified in condition (i)(B). This provision regarding the payment of winnings by cash applies to the up to 1,000 machines specified in condition (i)(B) regardless of whether or not the machine:

(A) was a machine capable of operating in unrestricted mode; and

(B) was actually being played in unrestricted mode.

This direction takes effect on 1 December 2015.

Dated 23 October 2015

JANE GARRETT MP
Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation

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