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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Explanatory Memorandum

Subsection 80(1) of the Casino Control Act 1988 provides that:

> 'The casino licensee shall not accept a cheque, other than
> a cheque of a kind, and otherwise than in accordance with
> the procedures, specified in the regulations.'

Regulation 4 of the Casino Control Regulations provides as follows:

> '4. (1) For the purposes of subsection 80 (1) of the Act, the
> following kinds of cheques are specified:
>
> (a) in the case of a cheque presented to the casino licensee in
> accordance with section 82 of the Act to redeem other cheques, a
> cheque -
> > (i) that is drawn in favour of the casino licensee; and
> > (ii) that is not post-dated or dated earlier than the date of the
> > most recent of the cheques to be redeemed;
>
> (b) in any other case, a cheque -
> > (i) that is drawn in favour of the casino licensee; and
> > (ii) that is not post-dated.'

The Casino Control Regulation (Amendment) amends the Regulations to enable the Casino Licensee to accept both cheques drawn in favour of the Casino Licensee and cheques drawn in favour of the person presenting the cheque.

The amendment has been made at the request of the Casino Licensee and reflects general casino practice around Australia. Casinos generally issue cheques to patrons for significant gaming winnings, rather than pay large amounts of cash. Casinos commonly accept such cheques made out by another casino and payable to the patron, by having the patron sign over the cheque to the casino where they wish to play. The amendment will now enable the Casino Licensee to accept such cheques and other cheques drawn in favour of the patron and which the patron assigns to the Casino Licensee.

The amendments have been agreed to by the Casino Surveillance Authority.