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CLUBS RESPONSE TO GOVT OFFER OF TRIAL OF MANDATORY PRE-COMMITMENT

Clubs Australia is encouraged by the Federal Government's commitment to a full and proper trial of mandatory pre-commitment on poker machines in the ACT's 60 clubs.

Clubs Australia Executive Director Anthony Ball said the Government's commitment to a trial of mandatory pre-commitment is a positive step towards developing evidence based policies that further reduce Australia's already low rate of problem gambling.

"Clubs Australia will in coming days work through the detail of the Prime Minister's gambling policy.

"Clubs are not seeking the status quo on gambling policy. However, this reform must be evidence based and should not destroy the club and hotel industry as we know it.

"Clubs will communicate any update with the media as soon as substantial development occurs.

"Clubs Australia will also be speaking with key stake holders including state and territory governments who are the regulative bodies for gaming in Australia and who have worked with industry over the past decade to bring about a substantial reduction in the rate of problem gambling," he said.

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