



MICHAEL DALEY & LABOR

Labor's plan to support clubs



Background

Labor supports clubs

There are around 1,300 clubs in NSW. Clubs in NSW have around 6.7 million members.

Clubs are an important part of communities across NSW. Clubs:

- Provide a place for people to meet and come together;
 - Support activities in the community;
 - Employ more than 43,000 people, including more than 23,000 people in regional communities; and
 - Generate more than \$3.7 billion in economic activity, including \$1.2 billion in regional communities.¹
- Provide clubs with certainty and stability;
 - Create better and more secure jobs for club workers, especially in regional areas; and
 - Ensure clubs continue to be a vibrant part of local communities.



Labor's plan

Labor will support jobs in clubs by maintaining a stable policy environment

Labor will maintain the current clubs gaming tax regime, with clubs expected to contribute \$3.4 billion over the next four years to state revenue.

Labor will support careers in clubs with portable long-service leave for club employees

Labor supports secure jobs and a career path for workers in the clubs movement. Labor will work with ClubsNSW to investigate the implementation of a portable long-service leave scheme for club employees who move to another club, but remain in the club industry.

Labor will support live music in clubs

Labor will amend the *Liquor Act 2007* to remove blanket bans and restrictions on live music and entertainment in clubs. Through these reforms, Labor will introduce a 'right to play' for musicians.

Labor will create a vibrant music scene in NSW by rebuilding the suburban and regional touring network.

In the past, clubs in the past have formed the backbone of this network for contemporary music.

NSW Labor will work with the clubs movement to re-establish clubs as key venues for a new NSW touring network.

Labor supports responsible gambling

Labor is committed to a responsible gambling policy that it is:

- Informed by research and evidence; and
- Includes a strong commitment to harm minimisation.

Labor will maintain the existing regulatory regime for gaming, with proposed changes subject to rigorous assessment, evaluation and stakeholder consultation.

Labor will introduce a third-party self-exclusion scheme for clubs and hotels. This will allow family members and friends to seek an intervention in order to help a loved one who has a problem with gambling.

Labor will support the development of new clubs

Labor supports the development of new clubs.

The population of NSW is forecast to grow significantly in the future. However, club development is often not included when plans are made for infrastructure delivery in development plans.

Labor will:

- Amend planning controls to make provision for new clubs in greenfield sites; and
- Consult on whether such provisions could be extended to brownfields sites.

Labor will support existing clubs which seek to relocate

Labor will allow clubs to relocate their premises within their immediate local area while maintaining existing trading conditions.

Currently, if a club wishes to relocate to a nearby premises, they are treated as if they were applying for a new liquor licence. This can occur even if a club is only relocating across the road. This can mean clubs may lose the trading rights afforded by their current liquor licence.

Labor will help clubs to modernise membership

NSW Labor will work with Clubs NSW to modernise club sign-in and membership processes using digital technology.

Labor will examine restricting gaming venue buses to the venue's local area

Labor will examine restricting the operation of buses operated by any gaming venue so that the buses only operate within the venue's local area.





Labor will expand financial training for club directors

Labor recognises the critical importance to communities of small clubs. Labor notes that some small clubs are in financial distress.

Labor will expand training for club directors and managers to require leaders of small clubs to complete training regarding financial management and insolvency awareness.

Labor supports the payment of penalty rates

Labor supports the payment of penalty rates, including to club workers in not-for-profit clubs

Labor will introduce a licensing regime for gaming machine entitlement brokers

Labor will introduce a licensing requirement for gaming machine entitlement brokers.

Labor's plan will support jobs and ensure clubs continue to be a vibrant part of local communities.

References

- 1 2015 NSW Clubs Census, KPMG, August 2016, p. 5 and p. 7

Labor

nswlabor  michaeldaleymp
nswlabor  michaeldaleynsw
@nswlabor  @michaeldaleymp
www.nswlabor.org.au www.michaeldaley.com.au