

## Strategic Advocacy Committee Update – November 2025

Dear Members,

Following the recent Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, we are pleased to share a summary of key discussions, insights, and strategies to support members across NSW. Our focus remains on addressing sector challenges, advocating for favourable policy outcomes, and leveraging opportunities for sustainable growth, with a strong focus on industry unity, both in policy and public messaging.

### 1. 2026 Meeting Chair

- In accordance with the SAC Charter, the committee elected a chairperson to preside over meetings. Scott Bennetts of Revesby Workers was nominated and accepted to serve as Chair.

### 2. Industry Advocacy & Engagement

- **Advocacy Strategy:** The SAC reaffirmed its commitment to proactive advocacy, with a focus on transparency and member engagement. Committee members will act as conduits for feedback and communication between the broader membership and the association, ensuring your voices are heard in policy discussions.
- **Political Engagement:** Ongoing dialogue with policymakers continues, including engagement on proposed gaming shutdown legislation and support for reforms that benefit both the industry and the wider community. ClubsNSW is monitoring political developments closely, particularly changes in opposition leadership and their potential impact on industry relations.

### 3. Key Updates

- **AML/CTF Compliance:** ClubsNSW is seeking clear, actionable guidance from AUSTRAC regarding customer due diligence, particularly in cases where customers refuse to provide source-of-wealth information. This is a critical area for compliance and risk management.
- **Gaming Shutdown Hours:** The Committee is developing a balanced advocacy position on proposed uniform shutdown hours, recognising both regulatory trends and the unique community role of clubs, especially in regional areas. Member feedback is requested on definitions for precinct or tourism-based exemptions.
- **Gaming Reform:** A daily digital payment threshold before Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements, aligning with the existing cash input limits, was considered. This position aims to balance regulatory compliance with operational practicality.
- **ILGA:** Recent regulatory cases and reforms were discussed, with a focus on harm minimisation and the evolving landscape of licence conditions.
- **Outdoor Gaming & Smoking:** While union-driven campaigns have subsided, ongoing engagement with SafeWork NSW and unions remains important. Clubs are encouraged to remain vigilant and proactive in managing outdoor gaming areas.
- **Gaming Tax & Economic Pressures:** No immediate changes, but economic and policy developments that may affect the sector will continue to be monitored.

### What's Next

- Engage with SAC members to share your perspectives and operational challenges.
- Ongoing regulatory monitoring and member support.

The next Strategic Advocacy Committee meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on 17 February 2026.

If you have feedback or questions about any of the topics mentioned, feel free to contact SAC members. You can find the complete list of members [here](#).