

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Gaming Machines Act 1992
Section 86A

Gaming machine licensing guidelines
[2 November 2005]

The Independent Gambling Authority issues the following guidelines:

1. Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is, without limiting the scope of the enquiries or actions which might be taken by the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner, to promote the intent of section 15(5) of the *Gaming Machines Act 1992* that the process of granting gaming machine licences have appropriate regard to the likely social effect the grant of a proposed licence might have on the local community and, in particular, the likely effect of problem gambling within the local community.

2. Application contents

- (1) Prior to completing an application, the applicant should have—
 - (a) consulted with the relevant local government council;
 - (b) consulted with funded gambling rehabilitation providers likely to provide services to the people of the locality of the proposed licensed premises.
- (2) Applications should include—
 - (a) a demographic and social profile of the locality¹ of the proposed licensed premises;
 - (b) the business plan² for the proposed gaming business, accompanied by an explanation of how the demographic and social profile of the anticipated patron group relates to the profile of the locality;
 - (c) an explanation of the proposed premises design, including any features designed to assist in monitoring for problem gambling behaviour and for barred persons;
 - (d) details of the consultations with local government and gambling rehabilitation providers, including their suggestions and feedback,

¹ The locality should be matched to existing statistical sources—so as to enable analysis and comparison on a statistical local area, or local government area, basis.

² This would be expected to include projections of gaming revenue over the following 3 years and an indication of where this revenue might come from.

and how those matters have been taken into account in the application;

- (e) enforceable undertakings proposed by the applicant to be included as conditions of the licence when granted, relating to venue-based responsible gambling measures to be undertaken by the applicant.
- (3) All applications should be required to be advertised, including by the placement of notices in daily newspapers and on the proposed premises.

3. Determination process

- (1) The Commissioner should take steps to ensure that a full range of opinion of the appropriateness or otherwise of premises licensed for gaming is available in the application and determination process. For that purpose, the Commissioner should give consideration to inviting the participation of the relevant local government council and agencies with skill and expertise in responsible gambling or gambling rehabilitation. This is a matter which would need to be assessed on a case by case basis.
- (2) The Commissioner should give consideration to the imposition of licence conditions to ensure that, if a licence is granted, the licensed gaming business is, and continues to be, conducted in the manner foreshadowed in the application, noting that a change in the manner of operation would then be able to be scrutinised through a process to amend licence conditions.
- (3) The Commissioner should give consideration to the imposition of licence conditions to ensure that, if a licence is granted, any proposed venue-specific harm minimisation measures are, and continue to be, implemented. A change in the harm minimisation program would then be able to be scrutinised through a process to amend licence conditions.