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Synthetic lottery and keno ban passes Parliament

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The Turnbull Government has today passed new legislation that will ban the provision of online lottery and keno betting services to Australian customers.

The Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill (Lottery Betting) Bill 2018 will ensure a fair and balanced operating environment for traditional lottery and keno game providers, and maintain important income streams for local businesses across Australia.

Minister for Communications, Senator Mitch Fifield said the Government was committed to ensuring gambling takes place under a robust legislative framework with strong consumer protections and within the boundaries of community standards.

“This legislation will also protect the more than 4,000 small businesses including newsagents, pharmacies and community clubs and pubs across the country who operate long-standing, recreational betting services.”

The amendments stipulate online bets will not be able to be accepted on the outcome, or any aspect, of a lottery or keno draw after a six month transition period.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority will enforce compliance, respond to any complaints and take stronger action against the provision of illegal online gambling services to Australians.

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