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Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2026 12:18 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ACMA Ref: IGA-2026-00276 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Manager
Gambling Compliance Team

Australian Communications and Media Authority

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2026 8:07 AM
To: [REDACTED]
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See below response from Tasmanian Times.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
Investigations & Compliance Officer
Gambling Compliance Team

Australian Communications and Media Authority

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 30 March 2026 8:36 PM
To: IG Taskforce <IGTaskforce@acma.gov.au>
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your enquiry.

As noted, we are currently strengthening governance across the organisation. Due to previous practices involving advertorial content, which operated on a two-year placement basis, we introduced a formal advertorial policy to manage and conclude these legacy arrangements.

The reference to “legacy obligations” applies only to low-risk, non-sensitive industries (such as plumbing services, tourism ventures, and similar businesses) where prior contractual commitments are still being honoured for a limited period.

I can confirm that all content relating to high-risk industries or financial services, including gambling, cryptocurrency, and same-day or payday lending, and associated links has been identified and removed from the Tasmanian Times platform.

As previously noted, we undertook a deeper analysis of content across our platform following identification by ACMA of a post with an irregular author attribution. This process identified one additional post containing an inappropriate external link, which has since been removed.

We also recently identified an unintended access pathway to the server environment, which we believe was responsible for the irregular author attribution. This was promptly addressed and closed as of last Friday. We will be conducting a final audit to ensure all content complies with our current policies and all applicable laws.

We are confident that these actions will fully address any residual compliance risks associated with historical content.

Please let me know if you require any further clarification.

Kind regards

Rod Holden
Chief Executive Officer
Tasmanian Times



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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Dear Mr Holden,

Please see attached correspondence from [REDACTED], Manager, Gambling Compliance Team. Please respond by 7 April 2026.

Regards,

Gambling Compliance Team

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Sent: Monday, 9 March 2026 12:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ACMA Ref: IGA-2026-00276 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Dear Mr Holden,

We acknowledge receipt of your email. Thank you for your prompt removal of the article.

Regards,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and letter regarding interactive gambling advertising on the Tasmanian Times website. Your quick turnaround allows us to complete this part of our due diligence.

I can confirm that the article mentioned has been removed.

I also note that this post was made under an unusual author tag which likely explains why it was missed in our audit. I will ask our technical team to search for other posts with this unusual tag to ensure there are no other posts like this.

Regards

Rod Holden
Chief Executive Officer
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