

GAMBLING COMMITTEE

Meeting date: 7 April 2026

Contact officer: [REDACTED], Manager - Gambling Compliance Team

GAMBLING COMPLIANCE TEAM REPORT

Purpose

1. To update the Committee on interactive gambling and gambling advertising matters, and provide a summary of complaints, investigations, and enforcement action under the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (IGA) and the gambling advertising rules, for the period 20 March to 1 April 2026. [REDACTED]

Key Issues

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Complaint regarding Tasmanian Times

21. On 27 January 2026, the ACMA received a complaint from a former employee of the Tasmanian Times (a digital news outlet), alleging that the service was contravening the IGA by advertising illegal online casinos through sponsored articles.
22. Subsequently, the ACMA received correspondence from the CEO of the Tasmanian Times, who advised that he had recently begun managing the business as part of an acquisition process and was aware of the allegations raised with the ACMA. The CEO expressed a commitment to ensure ongoing compliance with the IGA. He advised that, following a comprehensive internal audit conducted in January, all advertorial content related to gambling had been removed from the service and this type of content would not be published in future.
23. We advised both the complainant and CEO that no further action would be taken at this time, on the basis that the service appeared to be presently compliant with the IGA. In response, the complainant reiterated their concerns that the business may resume advertising illegal gambling services in the future. We therefore sought further information from the CEO of the Tasmanian Times, who provided additional detail regarding the measures currently in place to ensure ongoing compliance with the IGA. This includes plans to conduct a final audit in the coming weeks to ensure all content related to gambling has been removed.
24. Subject to the committee's views, we are proposing that we take no further regulatory action in relation to this matter and communicate this to both the CEO of the Tasmanian Times and the complainant. If we become aware of any gambling-related content published on the website in future, the content can be assessed at that time.

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