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Sent: Friday, 27 February 2026 11:36 AM
To: [REDACTED] and Assistant; DL - [REDACTED] & Assistant
Cc: DL - [REDACTED] & Assistant; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: FOR Comment - Response to provider of Tasmanian Times [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Will do. Thanks

[REDACTED]
Manager
Gambling Compliance Team

Australian Communications and Media Authority



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Thanks [REDACTED], I agree with what you are proposing. Your approach makes good sense to me – noting the change of ownership and the removal of the content.
The complainant may be upset we aren't doing more; so please reassure him that we appreciated him reporting this matter to us (or whatever form of words you usually use in these situations).
Thanks, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
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We are seeking your views on our proposed approach to a complaint about illegal advertising on the Tasmania Times website.

Over the past month we have received emails from a complainant who has identified as a whistleblower for the Tasmanian Times, an online news source in Tasmania. He has provided evidence that the Tasmanian Times has been advertising prohibited gambling services via affiliate articles extensively from at least 2020-2026. He asked us to investigate.

On 16 February, the new CEO of the Tasmania Times contacted us stating that he is currently managing the company as part of a proposed acquisition. He advised he is aware of the complaint and that they have changed their processes, policies, etc in response, removed content and that they are committed to 'maintaining compliance' and 'cooperating fully with any regulatory body'. He wishes to know if we are taking regulatory action against the Times - his email is here and attached:  [provider email #1.msg](#)

We have looked at the Times and it does appear they have taken down all the potentially contravening articles, except 1.

Given that :

- there is new management and potentially new owners who appear to be committed to complying with the IGA
- offending content has been removed (aside from 1 article)

we are proposing not to investigate at this time but we will write to the CEO, outlining the rules, noting the content has been removed (aside from the 1 article), advising that we will continue to monitor and should offending content be found then we may investigate and take action.

We also propose responding to the complainant (who claimed that he was dismissed from employment on 2 Jan due to reporting these findings to the owner, and currently has a case with the Fair Work Commission for unfair dismissal), thanking him for information provided but noting the apparent commitment to compliance now we are not intending to investigate although we will continue to monitor.

Happy to discuss if you think we should go in a different direction.

Thanks [REDACTED]

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