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HOTELS SUPPORT PLAN TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

The Australian Hotels Association today supported an industry proposal to help minimise the level of problem gambling in Australia.

The proposal – a six-point plan announced by the President of Clubs Australia, Mr Peter Newell OAM – seeks to improve the level of research and coordination in harm minimisation strategies and give families the power to assist relatives who have a gambling problem.

“The strategies proposed by Clubs Australia are consistent with the policy position of the AHA, which has been released in our recent submissions to Senate inquiries that relate to gaming,” said the AHA’s National Chief Executive Officer, Bill Healey.

“The AHA’s position reflects the commitment by the gaming industry as a whole to promote responsible gambling.

“It is incumbent on the industry to ensure that appropriate harm minimisation and support services are available to assist the small number of people who are problem gamblers.

“The initiatives outlined today will provide this help in a responsible manner.”

The AHA supports the Council of Australian Government’s decision to call for a fresh Productivity Commission Inquiry into Gambling – of which the Terms of Reference have been announced this week – which will bring forward up-to-date information to guide future public policy positions on this issue.

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