1. On 7 September 2015, the Commonwealth Government commissioned a review, led by the former Premier of New South Wales, the Honourable Barry O’Farrell, into the profile and impact of the illegal offshore wagering industry (the Review).
2. Of the 19 recommendations ultimately made by the Review, 18 were accepted by the Commonwealth in full or in principle. A core component of the Commonwealth’s response to the Review was a commitment to develop, in consultation with states and territories, a nationally consistent framework of minimum harm minimisation and consumer protection standards for consumers of interactive wagering (the National Framework).
3. State and territory gambling ministers have agreed for the following ten measures to be included under the National Framework:
* a national self-exclusion register;
* a voluntary opt-out pre-commitment scheme;
* a more harmonised regulatory regime in relation to the offering of inducements;
* mandatory provision of activity statements on demand and on a regular basis;
* more consistent responsible gambling messaging across the nation;
* mandatory staff training in the responsible conduct of gambling;
* a reduced verification period for verifying customers who wish to open a wagering account;
* ease of account closure;
* a prohibition on lines of credit being offered; and
* a prohibition on any links between online wagering operators and payday lenders.
1. It is envisaged that a nationally consistent approach to consumer protection will help to create a more even playing field between interactive wagering operators; minimise the cost of compliance; and provide consumers with a minimum suite of tools to help mitigate the risk of harm from wagering regardless of the Australian jurisdiction in which they are placing their bets.
2. Cabinet approved the implementation of the National Framework in Queensland.
3. Cabinet approvedfor the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice to sign the National Policy Statement on behalf of Queensland.
4. *Attachments*
* [National Policy Statement](Attachments/Statement.PDF)