

GAMBLING AND POKIES IN THE NT

Gambling and pokies cause significant harm to our community. The estimated financial cost to our community is more than \$190 million per year.¹

The NT Greens, unlike the major parties, don't take donations from gambling corporations so we can advocate for policies that put Territorians first.

1: PUT PEOPLE BEFORE POKIES - INTRODUCE MANDATORY PRECOMMITMENT SYSTEMS FOR ALL POKIES IN THE NT

Pokies are by far the biggest culprit in gambling harm. If gambling losses were averaged across the Territory, every Territorian would be losing a whopping \$789/year!²

Our “load-up limit” or how much credit you can load onto a pokie machine, is 10x that of other states.³ The flow on effects disproportionately harm women and First Nations Territorians.⁴ Two thirds of people,⁴ and more than half of people who use pokies, support precommitment systems.

Precommitment systems are the best intervention to address gambling related harm. Pokies are designed to be addictive. Precommitments give power back to the people, so they can decide what they spend, and be in control of their gambling.

The Greens will:

- **Introduce pre-commitment systems to all venues with pokies, including casinos**
- **Reduce the load up limit for pokies to \$100.**

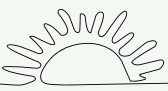
2: SHINE A LIGHT ON THE GAMBLING INDUSTRY

The NT has the worst gambling transparency laws, and the worst regulation in the country.⁵ We need to have public, easily accessible data to properly assess gambling harm and address it. This is information that's already collected through the NT Gambling Prevalence and Wellbeing Survey, but it's often withheld from the public.

The gambling industry donates to both major parties. The NT Greens will put Territorians before gambling corporations.

The Greens will:

- **Reintroduce mandatory publishing of venue earnings/taxation**
- **Mandate monthly publication of venue-specific data in line with other jurisdictions**
- **Mandate that the NT Gambling Prevalence and Wellbeing Survey report be released to the public within a month of completion. All government commissioned research should be publicly available.**



3: MAKE THE \$50 BILLION ONLINE WAGERING INDUSTRY PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE

The NT is home to Australia's online wagering industry which has an annual turnover of \$50 billion.⁶ Our current laws protect these enormous corporations and their enormous profits taxing them at 5%, with a cap of \$1.35 million in tax paid per company, no matter how much they make.⁷

The NT Labor government vowed to overhaul this sector but despite an update to the Racing and Wagering bill in 2024, the tax rate and cap have not been increased.

Not only this, in the creation of this new bill, the NT government consulted just one harm reduction organisation and multiple international gambling giants who stand to benefit from this legislation.⁸

The Greens will:

- **Increase the tax on gambling corporations using NT bookmaker/betting exchange licenses**
- **Remove the cap on this tax.**

LET'S TAKE BACK THE POWER

The Greens will put people before profit.

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