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Local Government Working Group on Gambling
Terms of Reference

Background to the Local Government Working Group on Gambling

The Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGWGOG) was formed in the 1990s to assist local governments responding to the proliferation of gambling venues and machines within their communities.

Since its formation, LGWGOG has served as an effective forum for local government representatives to share knowledge and understanding of the gambling industry and its effects in the local community.

Meetings are convened by the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA).

Role and Purposes

The Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGWGOG) is a forum to support the local government sector to fulfil its various roles in relation to public health and wellbeing, including:

- building capacity on advocacy and policy leadership projects,
- development and implementation of programs and projects under Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plans;
- optimising effectiveness of gambling regulation; and
- delivery of other programs which minimise harm from gambling.

To do this the LGWGOG will:

1. share expertise and information in relation to the related planning and licensing process to increase capacity of local governments and their communities of practice to respond to applications by gambling venues;
2. share knowledge and understanding about developments in gambling policy at the local, state and federal levels; and
3. identify research projects which inform local governments about the social and economic impacts of gambling at the local level and government policy.

Membership

Membership of the LGWGOG comprises:

* nominated councillors and officers representing financial Member Councils of the VLGA

* nominated individuals representing financial Associate Members of the VLGA

Meetings will be Chaired by:

* the VLGA President; or

* the appointed delegate of the VLGA President or Chief Executive Officer.

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*Terms of Reference to be reviewed every two years.