

## FACT SHEET

### *Racing Regulation Amendment (Bookmaker Betting and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016*

The Racing Regulation Amendment (Bookmaker Betting and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016 amends the *Racing Regulation Act 2004* to provide for on-course bookmakers, who have been registered for not less than two years prior, to be able to apply for an off-course telephone betting endorsement and an off-course function betting endorsement.

An off-course telephone endorsement allows the bookmaker to operate from a home office under the following conditions:

- May operate on any Saturday, Wednesday and statutory public holiday and 10 other days per year as approved by the Director of Racing.
- Must provide an on-course bookmaking service at a level of not less than 10 race meetings per year.
- May only use a single telephone unit approved by the Director of Racing.

An off-course function betting endorsement allows the bookmaker to operate at a maximum of three functions per racing year as approved by the Director of Racing.

The Bill amends a person's right of appeal against a decision of the Director of Racing by including a decision in relation to off-course telephone betting endorsements, off-course function betting endorsements and off-course function approvals.

The Bill also provides for the Director of Racing to be able to issue a summons to a person to produce documents or to give evidence to a stewards' inquiry if the Director is of the opinion, on reasonable grounds, that it is necessary or reasonable for the purposes of the inquiry.