

FACT SHEET

Liquor Licensing Amendment (Liquor and Gaming Administrative Restructuring) Bill 2015

- The Liquor Licensing Amendment (Liquor and Gaming Administrative Restructuring) Bill 2015 amends the *Gaming Control Act 1993* and the *Liquor Licensing Act 1990* to amalgamate the Tasmanian Gaming Commission and Licensing Board into the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission and introduce a new decision making model for liquor regulation.
- The Gaming Control Act is to be amended to:
 - establish the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission in place of the Tasmanian Gaming Commission (TGC);
 - extend the functions of the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission to include hearing appeals against the decisions made by the Commissioner for Licensing and to hear liquor licence applications referred to it by the Commissioner for Licensing; and
 - ensure that the role of the Commission remains independent from Government with regard to liquor licensing by excluding the Liquor Licensing Act from the power by which the Minister can give directions to the Commission.
- The Liquor Licensing Act is to be amended to:
 - abolish the Licensing Board and instead refer to the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission as established under the Gaming Control Act;
 - move the powers and functions of the Licensing Board, other than the review of decisions of the Commissioner for Licensing, to the Commissioner for Licensing;
 - allow the Commissioner for Licensing to refer licensing decisions to the new Commission where it is in the best interests of the community to do so; and
 - include any other transitional provisions that may be necessary to give effect to the amalgamation of the TGC and the Board in accordance with any such advice from the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.