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Community consultation into online gambling

The Independent Gambling Authority wants to hear from the South Australian community about their experience of online gambling.

The Authority is consulting with the community about the growth and impact of online gambling in South Australia. The consultation will be used to develop new strategies for reducing the incidence of problem gambling and the harm caused by gambling.

Acting Director of the Authority, Jeanette Barnes said “The community can get involved by providing their stories and views to the Authority in written or verbal submissions. The Authority will hold public and private hearings to encourage as many people as possible to participate in the process”.

A recent survey showed that 34.1% of Australians who bet use the internet and 22.7% of Australians who bet have used a smartphone to place the bet.¹

Many people use online gambling for the occasional bet while others may be more frequent users or suffer harm from their gambling.

The Authority wants to hear from South Australian online gamblers, whether they are occasional or frequent users, about how and when they use online gambling, how online gambling is advertised and promoted, especially through the use of mobile technology, and any impact from their participation in online gambling.

Ms Barnes said “You do not have to use online gambling services to participate. Non-gamblers and families of gamblers are also encouraged to get involved in the consultation process”.

The Authority also wants to hear from gambling support services and academics involved in research into online gambling and gambling behaviour.

Advertisements will appear in metropolitan, suburban and regional newspapers this week with details of how to get involved.

More information is available on the Authority website at www.iga.sa.gov.au.

The closing date for written submissions is Friday 10 August 2018.

¹ Source: Roy Morgan Single Source Australia, April 2017 - March 2018

A public hearing will be held on 30 August 2018 in Adelaide. Participants must register their interest to participate in the hearing.

Ms Barnes said the Authority can assist people to participate by teleconference.

Participants can also make a confidential submission.

Anyone affected by gambling can call the Gambling Helpline on 1800 858 858 or visit gamblinghelponline.org.au for more services and information.

The Authority offers a free, confidential barring service for all forms of gambling in South Australia, including online gambling. Visit www.iga.sa.gov.au or call the Authority direct on 8226 7233 for more information.

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