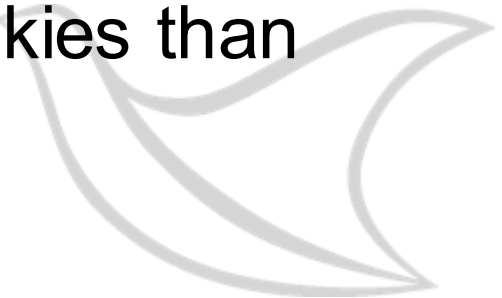


Gambling Harm

- Up to 550,000 people in Victoria likely to have been harmed by their gambling
- A further 120,000 people likely to have experienced harm due to someone else's gambling in a year
- Pokies account for around 75 – 80% of people with gambling problems
- People with gambling problems are 30 times more likely to use the pokies than other gamblers



Gambling and Life's Problems

- People severely harmed by gambling were significantly more likely to have experienced:
 - The death of someone close to them;
 - A divorce;
 - Legal difficulties;
 - A major injury or illness to either themselves or someone close;
 - Trouble with work, boss or superiors; or
 - A major change to their financial situation
- People harmed by gambling reported significantly higher rates of depression and anxiety disorders.





Existing Pokie Reforms

- Ban on ATMs in venues
- Ban on public pokie advertising
- Smoking ban in venues
- Local area caps on the number of pokies
- State wide cap of 27,500 pokies in pubs and clubs
- Non-enforceable limit setting
- \$5 bet limit
- Self exclusion program
- Ban on pokies with head phones



Further measures to curb pokies harm

- Restrict operating hours to between 10 am and midnight
- Introduce a duty of care
- Staff intervention
- Introduce a \$1 bet limit
- Allow gamblers to set enforceable limits
- Remove linked jackpots
- Give local communities the final say on gambling in their area
- Prohibit political donations by the pokies industry



Online gambling reforms

- Self Exclusion
- Opt out limit setting on losses
- Ban on gambling corporations providing credit to gamble
- Advertising restrictions
- Restricting inducements
- Activity statements
- Staff training
- Ban on links to payday lenders

