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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS INQUIRY INTO MONEY LAUNDERING IN PUBS AND CLUBS ISSUES PAPER 3

As part of an inquiry into money laundering via electronic gaming machines in licenced premises, the New South Wales Crime Commission (NSWCC) is calling for submissions in response to its third issues paper published today.

The inquiry is being conducted by the NSWCC in partnership with the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and AUSTRAC.

Commissioner Michael Barnes said experts, industry stakeholders and members of the public were invited to respond to questions posed in the issues paper.

“Because of the requirements of the Act under which we operate, our inquiries to date have been held in-camera, but the investigation would be assisted greatly if those with special insight to the activities in question were to make submissions,” Mr Barnes said.

The third issues paper seeks information on whether licensees of pubs and clubs have sufficient and appropriate powers to exclude individuals suspected of money laundering.

“Licensees are prohibited by law from “tipping off” persons they intend reporting to AUSTRAC on account of their suspicious activity, and members of licensed clubs have a right to be told why they are being excluded from a club, so the issue is somewhat complicated”, Mr Barnes said.

The issues paper can be found here ([Issues Paper 3](#))

Submissions should be made by **Friday, 19 August**, (preferably by email) to:

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