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NSW GOVERNMENT BACKS CRIME COMMISSION INQUIRY INTO MONEY LAUNDERING

The State Government welcomes the NSW Crime Commission (NCC) inquiry into money laundering at licensed premises in NSW.

Premier Dominic Perrottet said he was pleased Commissioner Michael Barnes had determined to use the NCC's extensive powers to perform a thorough investigation.

"Money laundering and organised crime are completely unacceptable in any form. The NSW Crime Commission has the full backing of the NSW Government as they launch this inquiry," Mr Perrottet said.

"Pubs and clubs play key roles in the fabric of their communities and so recent reports highlighting how organised criminals are laundering money through poker machines are deeply concerning. The Commissioner will work in collaboration with the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission."

Minister for Police and Emergency Services David Elliott welcomed the joint inquiry which will investigate potential vulnerabilities within the legal framework governing the relationship between poker machines and money laundering.

"Organised crime costs our community more than \$36 billion each year, and criminal networks are dependent on money laundering channels to legitimise the proceeds of their activities. I expect the NSW Police Force to make a submission to the inquiry," Mr Elliott said.

Minister for Digital and Customer Service Victor Dominello, as the Minister responsible for liquor and gaming in NSW, also welcomed the inquiry.

"For the first time we will get an understanding of the link between organised crime and how they use pokies to launder dirty cash," Mr Dominello said.

The Commissioner has released terms of reference for the inquiry and called for public submissions to be made by 28 January 2022.

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