Natasha Fyles
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

A cap on community gaming machines

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The Northern Territory Labor government has fulfilled a key election commitment, reinstating a cap on the number of gaming machines in community venues.

“After listening to strong community concerns the Labor government committed to delivering a cap on community gaming machines before the end of the year,” Attorney General Natasha Fyles said.

“I’m pleased to announce that has been achieved today.”

Under the changes the maximum number of community gaming machines can’t exceed 1852.

This reflects the number of gaming machine licences already in use or in the application process.

The cap recognises and respects existing arrangements.

“The CLP failed to deliver a gambling prevalence survey and oversaw a blow out of gaming machine licences without consultation or evidence of the impact on the community,” Minister Fyles said.

“Gambling has a considerable impact on Territory communities and families and the Territory Labor government will take an evidence based approach, working with key stakeholders.”

The latest Northern Territory Gambling Prevalence and Wellbeing Survey is currently being finalised.

The regulatory changes have been approved by the Executive Council and will commence today.

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