



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **RWA WELCOMES IN-PRINCIPLE AGREEMENT ON STRENGTHENED CONSUMER PROTECTIONS**

Responsible Wagering Australia (RWA) has welcomed the renewed commitment by the Federal Government, along with State and Territory Ministers, to develop stronger consumer protections for the online wagering sector.

Federal, State and Territory Ministers have reached in-principle agreement to pursue 11 harm-minimisation measures through the development of a National Consumer Protection Framework.

RWA's Executive Director Stephen Conroy welcomes the efforts, led by the Federal Government, to improve harm minimisation and consumer protection measures in the online wagering sector.

Since its inception late last year, RWA has publicly called for:

- a phase-out of credit betting;
- an end to sign-up offers;
- the introduction of a National Self Exclusion Register;
- voluntary pre-commitment; and
- compulsory staff training in the responsible conduct of gambling.

"The current patchwork of consumer protections across the various Australian jurisdictions is insufficient and we welcome the development of a more cooperative and unified framework," Mr Conroy said.

"We look forward to working with Minister Tudge to further refine these measures and to develop effective implementation arrangements for the National Consumer Protection Framework."

RWA is an independent industry body which has the backing and support of leading online Australian wagering companies including bet365, Betfair, CrownBet, Sportsbet and Unibet.

RWA and its members are committed to ensuring that Australia has the best conducted, socially responsible, wagering industry in the world. A copy of RWA's Code of Conduct can be found [here](#).

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