



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **RWA welcomes National Consumer Protection Framework**

#### **Attributable to RWA Executive Director, Stephen Conroy**

Responsible Wagering Australia welcomes today's announcement that final agreement on a National Consumer Protection Framework for online wagering has been reached between the Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments.

RWA and its members have been amongst the leading advocates for higher industry standards and stronger safeguards to protect consumers.

The final agreement today of key measures including a prohibition on account sign-up offers, enhanced pre-commitment standards, stricter identity verification and a National Self-Exclusion Register are all significant changes which RWA has strongly supported.

The Commonwealth Government has already introduced other significant measures with strong industry support that enhance consumer protection and meet community expectations. These include a prohibition on credit betting, the banning of links between wagering and payday lending services and a reduction in the volume of television advertising.

These are landmark reforms that bolster Australia's place as a global leader for social responsibility in wagering.

RWA thanks the Commonwealth Government, in particular Minister Fletcher and his predecessors Ministers Tehan and Tudge, for leading a thorough and consultative process to achieve this comprehensive package of reforms."

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#### **About RWA:**

RWA is the independent peak-body for the online wagering industry and has the backing and support of leading Australian-licensed companies bet365, BetEasy, Betfair, Ladbrokes, Sportsbet and Unibet.

RWA was formed with the objective that Australia have the best conducted, socially responsible, wagering industry in the world and all RWA members are bound by a [publicly available](#) Code of Conduct.