



Dear Sir or Madam

**COVID-19 RESPONSE –  
TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS ON GAMING AND GAMBLING VENUES**

I am writing to advise you of temporary restrictions as part of the Australian Government's response to minimising the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

The *Public Health (Closure of Non-Essential Business or Undertaking) Emergency Direction 2020* has **temporarily prohibited the following activities until at least 11:59pm on 13 April 2020**:

- Casinos
- A gaming or gambling venue.

A copy of the direction is [attached](#) to this letter.

There are penalties for failing to comply with these temporary restrictions. Penalties for non-compliance range from \$8,000 (50 penalty units) to \$40,500 for body corporates.

To protect public health, we will be undertaking proactive monitoring to ensure local compliance with these restrictions. The Government acknowledges that this is a difficult time for many.

It is important that you, like all our community, practice social distancing and good hygiene practices to assist with slowing the spread of COVID-19. I have [attached](#) information on the steps you can take to help reduce the spread of germs.

We encourage businesses to contact Access Canberra who can provide information and support including around these temporary prohibitions.

It is important that you also continue to stay proactively informed on this rapidly evolving situation. Some of the best ways to do this is through:

- ACT Health ([www.health.act.gov.au](http://www.health.act.gov.au))
- Australian Government Department of Health ([www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au))
- National Coronavirus Helpline (1800 020 080)

You may also be aware that the ACT Government has announced the first Economic Survival Package which provides support for business and industry. To find out what may be available for your business please visit [www.health.act.gov.au/economicsurvivalpackage](http://www.health.act.gov.au/economicsurvivalpackage).

Details on the Australian Government's stimulus package can be found at: <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus>

Thank you for your cooperation with these unprecedented measures.

Yours sincerely

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