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10 YEAR BAN FOR NSW GAMING MACHINE TECHNICIAN

A Sydney gaming machine technician has had his licence cancelled and been disqualified from holding a gaming-related licence for 10 years following serious breaches.

Under Section 125 of the [Gaming Machines Act 2001](#), gaming-related licensees must notify Liquor & Gaming NSW of changes in their state of affairs, including their involvement in any court proceedings.

But a compliance audit by L&GNSW discovered that Mr John Howard Lyons, a gaming machine technician and owner of Poker Machine Distributors (Australia) Pty Ltd, had criminal convictions for offences against corporations law relating to the winding up of his company, and also civil judgements for failing to pay financial debts linked to his business.

Mr Lyons failed to notify the department as required. He also failed to respond to two notices to produce information that were issued to him by L&GNSW during an investigation into his affairs.

As a result, L&GNSW lodged a disciplinary complaint with the Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority.

In its [decision](#), the Authority said it was satisfied that Mr Lyons had not demonstrated the level of honesty, knowledge and ability reasonably expected of a gaming-related licensee.

“The Authority is satisfied that this 10-year period of disqualification will also send an appropriate message to others in the industry of the regulatory consequences of engaging in the kind of conduct,” the Authority said.

Mr Lyons was also ordered to pay \$1,349 in costs incurred by L&GNSW as part of its investigation.

L&GNSW advises that notification requirements provide an important role in protecting the community by helping preserve the integrity of the gaming machines industry.

It is essential that licensees meet notification requirements and also cooperate when lawful requests for information are made.