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NAME CHANGE TAKES EFFECT FOR LICENSING AUTHORITY

The name of the Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority – the State’s independent licensing body – will change from tomorrow to more accurately reflect its role.

Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality, Racing and the Arts, George Souris, said that from March 1, it would be known as the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority.

Mr Souris pointed out that the name change was passed by Parliament in November last year.

"There will be no change to its role, authority, independence or its powers," Mr Souris said.

"The Authority plays a pivotal role in reducing the harm associated with alcohol and gambling and ensuring the integrity of these industries.

"It performs key functions under NSW casino, liquor and gaming machine laws, including determining applications for new liquor licences and extended trading hours, as well as gaming machine increases and disciplinary complaints against licensed venues.

"It is also responsible for licensing and regulating the casino and has inspectors on site 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

"The former Casino, Liquor and Gaming Control Authority was established in July 2008 when the new liquor laws came into effect and absorbed the functions of the Licensing Court of NSW, the Liquor Administration Board and the Casino Control Authority.

"The new name more accurately reflects its role as a completely independent decision-maker and its primary duties in licensing the liquor and gaming industries in NSW.

"The Authority’s functions and powers are unaffected by the name change.

"Chris Sidoti (Chair), David Armati (Deputy Chair), Sharryn Brownlee, Ken Brown and David Greenhouse (Chief Executive) remain as members of the Authority.

"I wish the members and officers of the Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority well in continuing to perform their important duties."

The Authority’s new website is www.ilga.nsw.gov.au.

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