



THE STAR

ASX Announcement

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PROPOSED NSW CASINO DUTY RATES UPDATE

The Star Entertainment Group Limited (ASX code: SGR) (**The Star**) notes the attached media release by the NSW Treasurer, The Honourable Daniel Mookhey MLC, regarding casino duty rate increases proposed (but not implemented) by the former Treasurer in December 2022 in the lead up to the NSW election.

The Star maintains that the duty increases as proposed by the former Treasurer are not sustainable and are flawed in their design. The Star's CEO and Managing Director Robbie Cooke said:

"This proposed duty increase was policy on the run by the former Treasurer, was ill-conceived with no consultation and had no regard to the capacity of our Sydney operation to afford the impost. If implemented as originally proposed, the additional duty would significantly challenge the economic viability of the Sydney business and put the jobs of up to 4,000 hard working Sydney employees in jeopardy."

The Star appreciates the engagement to date by the current NSW Government. The Star intends to continue its engagement with NSW Treasury and the Government on the proposal, seeking to secure outcomes regarding the future of its Sydney employees. Mr Cooke said:

"We will continue to engage with the new NSW Government to guarantee the jobs of our team members while working hard to implement the significant reforms required to restore The Star to suitability and to ensure it remains a valuable contributor to the NSW economy."

The Star has previously noted that it is undertaking a process to refinance its existing debt facilities and separately increase covenant headroom. Ongoing uncertainty and the prospect of increased casino duty rates in NSW materially increases the risk of not successfully completing these processes.

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Media Statement

Proposed legislation to increase casino duties to follow winter recess

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In December 2022, the previous government announced an increase in casino tax rates with effect from 1 July 2023.

Although the tax increase was not legislated, this measure was written into the budget and was inherited by the current Government as a legacy policy upon election in March.

Since then, the Government has been having discussions with the casinos about implementing these new tax arrangements.

To permit these conversations to continue, the Government plans to pursue the legislation following the forthcoming Parliamentary winter recess.

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