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MEDIA RELEASE

Clubs meet to discuss impact of poker machine tax Increase

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Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper will attend a meeting of club representatives from across the region in Inverell tomorrow (Wednesday 13th August) to discuss the NSW Government proposal to increase taxes on poker machines.

“The more we hear about this tax increase, the more devastating it appears it will be. A tax increase of this significance will cost jobs and valuable support for community events and activities,” Mr Draper said.

“This meeting is an opportunity to find out just how big an impact these increased taxes will have. Once we are armed with this information, we can strongly put the views of rural communities to the Government. This money grab will risk many jobs in rural and regional NSW and the future of many events in our smaller communities will be under direct threat.”

“There is a groundswell of opposition to these taxes around the state. Already Labor Ministers and backbench members of the Labor Party have publicly expressed grave concerns. We need to clearly demonstrate to the Government that increased taxes will seriously hurt regional NSW.”

Independent Member for Northern Tablelands Richard Torbay will also attend the meeting.

The meeting will be held at Inverell RSM Club from 11am on Wednesday 13th August.

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