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Gaming Technologies Association Statement

The Gaming Technologies Association (GTA) said claims made regarding the design poker machines operating in the Australian market ignore clear facts about the strict legal and compliance obligations of the Australian gaming industry.

"Australia has one of the most stringent regulatory environments for poker machines in the world. Regulators impose comprehensive conditions on every aspect of poker machine design and operation," GTA Chief Executive Ross Ferrar said today.

"Poker machines are designed to be entertaining and are a legitimate recreational activity that many Australians enjoy responsibly and our industry remains committed to progressing harm minimisation initiatives where they are shown to be effective.

"We look forward to contributing to a sensible debate about these issues and dispelling myths regarding poker machines," Mr Ferrar said.

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