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NEW STUDY TO SHINE LIGHT ON VICTORIAN GAMBLING

The Andrews Labor Government is funding a major new study into gambling and health that will help prevent and reduce gambling harm in the future.

Minister for Gaming and Liquor Regulation Marlene Kairouz today announced that the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation will provide \$1 million to CQUniversity to undertake research into emerging gambling products, consumer behaviours and gambling harm.

The CQUniversity study of 11,000 Victorians will gather data on the prevalence of low, moderate and problem gambling in Victoria, which will be used to develop stronger, more targeted responses to gambling harm.

CQUniversity was awarded the contract following an open tender process involving peer review of proposals by international experts.

Leading the study will be Professor Matthew Rockloff, an expert in gambling harm who has a PhD in psychology.

The project will build on previous studies conducted in 2008 and 2014 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Gaming and Liquor Regulation Marlene Kairouz

“This will give us a detailed picture of how gambling affects Victorians and the ways that we can respond.”

“We have already taken strong action to protect Victorians from gambling harm and this study will boost our efforts in the years to come.”

Quotes attributable to Professor Matthew Rockloff, CQUniversity’s School of Health, Medical and Applied Sciences

“Victoria is leading Australia in its commitment to tackling gambling harm through its evidence-based work.”

“My team and I at CQUniversity are delighted to be working with the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation on this important project, the findings of which should influence the direction of their own work to prevent, reduce and treat gambling harm.”

Quotes attributable to Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation CEO Louise Glanville

“Gambling harm is a community issue that is experienced by individuals, families, friends and others in different ways and at varying levels of severity.”

“The findings of this major study will strengthen the evidence base we use to inform the development of initiatives and programs to prevent and reduce gambling harm in communities throughout the state.”

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