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## **Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Gambling in Australia**

### **Proposal to establish a Centre for Gambling Policy Research and Evaluation**

#### **Submission from the Ministry of Health, New Zealand**

The Ministry of Health (the Ministry) appreciates the invitation in the draft report to comment on New Zealand's involvement on the establishment of a centre for gambling policy research and evaluation.

The Ministry has valued its involvement as an observer on Gambling Research Australia and acknowledges that this involvement has led to positive outcomes for both jurisdictions.

Similarly, the Ministry can foresee potential advantages with New Zealand's involvement in the proposed centre for gambling policy research and evaluation. These advantages are identified in the Productivity Commission's draft report, and include opportunities for improved information sharing and co-ordination of research and evaluation across the two countries.

However, the Ministry can also foresee a number of potential issues and limitations in relation to New Zealand's involvement.

The Ministry is interested in further discussions with Australian officials around New Zealand's involvement in the proposed centre, particularly once more information about the proposed structure of the centre is available.