

# Independent Inquiry into the Future of the ACT Clubs Industry (the Inquiry) – Public engagement

## Discovery Phase

September 2025 – November 2025

Five discovery roundtables were held with each of the following industry cohorts:

- ACT Government
- ACT Clubs
- Community & sporting groups
- Community organisations dealing with the impacts of gambling harm
- Industry and investors

The roundtables were attended by 32 people.

Over an 8-week period, the Inquiry released a consultation paper and survey and invited submissions from the public.

A total of 189 responses were received. Written responses included the following cohorts:

Registered clubs with electronic gaming machines (EGMs) x 28  
Registered clubs without EGMs x 1  
Peak bodies x 10  
Universities & academia x 2  
Individuals x 5  
Suppliers x 2  
Sporting & special interest groups x 10  
Community organisations x 12

## Co-design Phase

December 2025 – February 2026

Four mixed cohort roundtables were attended by 32 participants representing:

- ACT Clubs
- ACT Government
- Community & sporting groups
- Community organisations dealing with the impacts of gambling harm
- Tourism industry

## Validation Phase

March 2026 - May 2026

The Inquiry Panel released an interim report with insights and recommendations for public comment over a 6-week period. This provided community and stakeholders with an opportunity to respond to what was proposed by the Inquiry Panel ahead of the Panel finalising its recommendations.

15 written responses were received:

Registered clubs with EGMs x 6  
Registered clubs without EGMs (nil)  
Peak bodies x 5  
Universities & academia x 1  
Individuals x 1  
Suppliers (nil)  
Sporting & special interest (nil)  
Community organisations x 2

The Inquiry Panel hosted a final round of virtual consultations to seek input and views on the interim report. The meetings were attended by the Canberra Gaming Reform Alliance, ClubsACT and Macroplan.

The Independent Panel finalised its report and the report was published by the ACT Government on 2 June 2026.