



Media Response

6 October 2025

Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong Mayor, Councillor Jim Memeti:

We are continuing to support the Victorian Government's YourPlay gambling harm minimisation trial at venues in Greater Dandenong.

This gives us an important seat at the table to continue our advocacy work minimising the significant impacts of gambling harm on our community's health and wellbeing, including lobbying for mandatory pre-set loss limits.

Although we have not been advised of the timeline, we understand the State Government still intends to roll out mandatory pre-set loss limits for the YourPlay card.

We believe that our support will allow us to better influence the outcomes of the trial, including binding limits being set as soon as possible. This is imperative to reduce gambling harm in the City of Greater Dandenong where \$141 million was lost to 928 electronic gaming machines across 14 venues in 2024/25.

This is an average loss of \$387,000 each day, and equivalent to \$1,077 per adult – the second highest rate of losses per adult in Victoria, nearly twice the metropolitan level of \$581.

ENDS

Media Enquiry

22 September 2025

From ABC News Melbourne

I am looking at the state government's trial to reduce gambling harm, and can see it's been debated at a recent council meeting.

Given the vote, and the state government's shift on setting limits, does the City of Greater Dandenong still endorse the trial?

I am certainly happy with a response on background at the moment. I am just keen to get a better idea of council's position.

We haven't commissioned anything yet.

Follow up question:

Can you share the number of EGMs and venues too?