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The Research Director
Transportation and Utilities Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Committee's consideration of the *Major Sports Facilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016*.

The Queensland Hotels Association (QHA) is the peak industry body representing hundreds of hotel and accommodation businesses throughout the State. The QHA is an organisation run by the members, aiming to ensure that hotel, tourism and accommodation businesses remain a viable and valued part of the Queensland economy.

The QHA supports the amendments in the bill to enable KENO jackpot pooling. KENO is an existing and popular product that has been available in Queensland Hotels and Clubs for over 25 years.

It is highlighted to the Committee that:

- The proposed amendments have no impact on the integrity of the product or the game.
- There is equity across the proposed participating jurisdictions as the growth component of jackpots are ticket % driven and therefore the cost of entry per player is the same regardless of jurisdiction.
- There is an equitable opportunity to win across each jurisdiction per entry.

Significantly, there are no **cost implications for government or the taxpaying public** to give effect to the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendments are considered consistent with the harm minimisation principles and practices of the *Queensland Responsible Gambling Code of Practice* and the *Queensland Responsible Gambling Strategy*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer