# Making a submission

### Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm 2016/17 to 2018/19: Consultation document

**Submissions close on Friday 11 September 2015 at 5 pm.**

The Ministry of Health must have your submission by this time. Any submissions received after this time will not be included in the analysis of submissions, even if they have been posted earlier. You might prefer to email your submission to ensure that the Ministry receives it before the cut-off time.

In making your submission, please include or cite relevant supporting evidence if you are able to do so.

The following questions may help you to focus your submission. However, you do not have to answer the questions if you prefer to structure your submission in some other way.

1. Does the draft Strategic Plan adequately address the strategic context for the draft Service Plan? If not, what issues or areas are not adequately covered?
2. Are there any objectives or priority actions that you particularly agree with or disagree with, and if so why? Are there other objectives that you think would be preferable or other priority actions that you think would more effectively or more efficiently prevent and minimise gambling harm, and if so why?
3. Is the total amount of funding suggested in the draft Service Plan appropriate? If not, why not?
4. Does the draft Service Plan adequately address public health and intervention services, workforce development, research and evaluation? If not, what issues or areas do you think are not adequately covered?
5. Do you think that the Service Plan would more effectively or more efficiently prevent and minimise gambling harm if some funding were shifted from one budget line to another or from one service area to another? If so, why?
6. Are there service areas that you think should not be funded, or service areas that are not funded that you think should be funded? If so, why?
7. Are there realistic pairs of weightings (**W1** and **W2**) other than those discussed in this consultation document? Which pair, if any, do you support?
8. Are the player expenditure forecasts for each gambling sector (**D**) realistic? If not, why not?
9. Do you have any comment on the estimated levy rates for each levy-paying gambling sector (bearing in mind that the formula itself is set out in legislation and is not under consideration in this consultation)?
10. What other information, if any, do you think is crucial for the Needs Assessment?

There are two ways you can make a submission.

* Fill out the submission form that is the last page of this document and that is also available in the problem gambling section of the Ministry’s website, [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz), and email it with your submission to:

gamblingharm@moh.govt.nz

**OR**

* Fill out the submission form that is the last page of this document and that is also available in the problem gambling section of the Ministry’s website, [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz), and post it with your submission to:

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Please send only *one* copy of your submission

The Ministry will hold a series of public meetings at which interested parties can discuss this consultation document and ask questions to inform their written submissions. The dates, times and locations of these meetings will be published on the problem gambling section of the Ministry’s website.

A copy of all submissions received will be forwarded to the Gambling Commission to assist its independent consultation process. In addition, your submission may be requested under the Official Information Act 1982. If this happens, the Ministry will release your submission to the person who asked for it.

Individuals can ask the Ministry not to release their personal details to the Gambling Commission or to anyone requesting their submissions under the Official Information Act.

The Ministry of Health will acknowledge all submissions and a summary of submissions will be sent to all those who request a copy. The summary will include the names of all those who made a submission except for the names of individuals who have requested that their names not be published.

## Submission form

You do not have to answer all the questions or provide personal information if you do not want to.

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Are you submitting this as *(tick one box only in this section)*:

[ ]  An individual or individuals (not on behalf of an organisation)

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If you are an individual or individuals, the Ministry will remove your personal details from your submission, and your name(s) will not be listed in the published summary of submissions, if you check the following box:

[ ]  I do not give permission for my personal details to be released.

Please indicate which sector(s) your submission represents *(you may tick more than one box in this section)*:

[ ]  Māori [ ]  Families/whānau

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[ ]  Asian [ ]  District health board

[ ]  Education/training [ ]  Local government

[ ]  Service provider [ ]  Funder

[ ]  Non-government organisation [ ]  Professional association

[ ]  Academic/research [ ]  Other *(please specify)*:

Do you wish to receive a copy of the summary of submissions?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

## Questions

1 Does the draft Strategic Plan adequately address the strategic context for the draft Service Plan?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If not, what issues or areas are not adequately covered?

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2 Are there any objectives or priority actions that you particularly agree with or disagree with, and if so why?

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| **Agree** | **Disagree** |
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Are there other objectives that you think would be preferable or other priority actions that you think would more effectively or more efficiently prevent and minimise gambling harm, and if so why?

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3. Is the total amount of funding suggested in the draft Service Plan appropriate?

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If not, why not?

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4. Does the draft Service Plan adequately address public health and intervention services, workforce development, research and evaluation?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If not, what issues or areas do you think are not adequately covered?

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5. Do you think that the Service Plan would more effectively or more efficiently prevent and minimise gambling harm if some funding were shifted from one budget line to another or from one service area to another?

[ ]  Yes

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If so, why?

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6. Are there service areas that you think should not be funded, or service areas that are not funded that you think should be funded, and if so, why?

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7. Are there realistic pairs of weightings (**W1** and **W2**) other than those discussed in this consultation document?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

Which pair, if any, do you support?

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8. Are the player expenditure forecasts for each gambling sector (**D**) realistic?

[ ]  Yes

[ ]  No

If not, why not?

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9. Do you have any comment on the estimated levy rates for each levy-paying gambling sector (bearing in mind that the formula itself is set out in legislation and is not under consideration in this consultation)?

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10. What other information, if any, do you think is crucial for the Needs Assessment?

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