

# Suitability is not a static concept

## *Acknowledgment*

Under [section 20](#) or [section 30](#) of the [Casino Control Act 1982](#) (the Act), the Minister shall cause to be undertaken such investigations as are necessary to satisfy the Governor in Council that all persons associated or connected or to be associated or connected, in the opinion of the Minister, with the ownership, administration or management of the operations or business of the casino licensee, are suitable persons.

Those matters in relation to which the Governor in Council will need to be satisfied are outlined under [section 20](#) of the Act.

In Queensland, the Governor in Council determines whether a person is suitable to be associated or connected with the management and operations of a casino. The Governor in Council makes such a determination on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for gaming regulation.

A finding of suitability by the Governor in Council is relevant only to the known circumstances of the applicant at a certain point in time.

The ongoing suitability of casino licensees and their associates is subject to continuous monitoring by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation (OLGR). This monitoring includes the legislative obligations placed upon licensees to provide regular financial and operational reporting to OLGR.

Given the changing and dynamic nature of the casino industry, its participants and their associates, at any time after licensure or approval the Minister may, in accordance with section 30 of the Act, initiate an investigation to reassess the suitability of a licensee or its associates.

Such reassessment may be initiated for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to:

- a change in financial circumstances
- a significant change to the corporate or ownership structure
- a significant change to management or administration
- adverse information brought to the attention of the regulator  
or
- a change in the reputation and character of an associate.

It is important that prospective licensees understand and acknowledge that further suitability investigations under the Act may be conducted in order to reassess the suitability of a licensee or its associates following an initial finding of suitability.

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