



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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SYNTHETIC LOTTERY AND KENO BAN PASSES PARLIAMENT

Local pubs and clubs will no longer lose revenue to online keno and lotto sites after action from the Coalition Government, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said today.

The Coalition will introduce laws to ban online betting for keno and lottery, meaning punters need to attend local clubs and pubs to bet.

“I took the concerns of local businesses and newsagencies in Killarney, Texas, St George, Longreach and Dalby to Canberra,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Those local businesses had collected about 500 signatures in support of banning this type of ‘synthetic’ online lottery, which takes customers out of our pubs and clubs.

“I’m glad I was able to support local businesses with the Coalition Government banning this type of betting. This government listened to the concerns you raised about synthetic lotteries and we recognised the importance of traditional official lottery and keno services to your business and to the thousands of other small businesses which offer these services.

The Interactive Gambling Amendment Bill (Lottery Betting) Bill 2018 will ensure a fair and balanced operating environment for traditional lottery and keno game providers, and maintain important income streams for local businesses across Australia.

“Betting platforms that allow wagering on synthetic lotteries don’t produce benefits to Australia or contribute to our tax base,” Mr Littleproud said.

There will be a six month transition period to claim any online bets that have already been placed.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority will enforce compliance, respond to any complaints and take stronger action against the provision of illegal online gambling services to Australians.

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