

# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FEBRUARY 2009 SUBMISSION

## CGC2008/11 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

### Key Points

- Western Australia generally agrees with the Commission's proposals on Miscellaneous Revenue.

### PROPOSED ASSESSMENT

- Western Australia supports a Miscellaneous Revenue category with the coverage proposed in the position paper.

### GAMBLING REVENUE

- At this stage we would just like to flag a potentially emerging issue in relation to racing industry gambling taxes.
- Racing industry gambling revenues are currently both a State tax base and a source of racing industry funding.
  - To date, States have traditionally shared race fields information and entered into pooling arrangements free of material charges for the purposes of their racing gambling operations.
  - However, as a result of a trend towards commercialisation or privatisation of State monopoly gambling service operators and the advent of on-line competitors, these 'gentleman's agreements' are breaking down.
  - One outcome may be 'winners' and 'losers' among the States in terms of net pooling and race field product fees, with 'losers' effectively required to reduce gambling taxes to preserve the funding available for the industry.
  - Further developments are likely during the first half of 2009, following which the implications for the Commission's assessment methods in this area could be reviewed.