## **CLUBS FUND \$1.2 MILLION ON GAMBLING RESEARCH**

The Sydney Morning Herald reported on 31 May 2014; "The NSW Clubs industry and leading poker machine makers have given \$1.2 million to the University of Sydney to fund a three year research project into "real life" problem gambling".

It was indicated that researchers would be given access to registered clubs in NSW to assist the study in a "real life" environment.

Clubs NSW CEO Anthony Ball was quoted as saying; "This type of objective and comprehensive research is something the club industry has wanted for some time".

Under the agreement with the University of Sydney, Clubs NSW will not be involved with the conduct or outcome of the research and its findings would be published, according to Mr Ball. Further, an independent advisory board will be established to oversee the project.

We consider that independent research into problem gambling can assist in finding evidence based solutions.

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