



New Major Events Ticket Scalping legislation passed in Victoria

Dear Member

The *Major Events Legislation Amendment (Ticket Scalping and Other Matters) Bill 2017* recently passed through parliament in Victoria. It is anticipated that the Act will commence in mid-2018.

WHAT'S IN THE LEGISLATION?

- The *Major Sporting Events Act 2009* will be renamed the *Major Events Act 2009* and **expanded to cover declared non-sporting events, including live performances such as concerts, festivals or theatre.**
- The VIC Minister for Tourism and Major Events will be able to make a **major event ticketing declaration** for any major event. It is intended to only declare **exclusive major and key note events**, or **events that are requested for declaration by a promoter or event organiser.**
- For any event where a major event ticketing declaration applies, it will be an **offence to advertise or resell a ticket for more than 10% above the face value of the ticket.** Penalties range from \$790 to \$475,000 depending on the nature of the offence.
- For any event where a major event ticketing declaration applies, **ticket prices must be displayed on the face of the tickets** to ensure the primary cost of the ticket is clear to consumers.
- **New authorised ticketing officers** will be introduced to support enforcement of the Bill. Along with Victorian police officers they will have the ability to fine ticket scalpers that target declared events.
- The Government will hold stakeholder briefings, information sessions and run a consumer education program on the Act and its rollout.
- You can learn more about the new ticket scalping reforms in the [Fact Sheet available here](#). The full legislation can be found [here](#).

REMINDER: NSW Ticket Scalping laws take effect 1 June 2018

To learn more about the NSW ticket scalping reforms, which take effect from 1 June 2018, please consult:

- [LPA's Fact Sheet](#) (please note: this fact sheet has been updated since it was released in March)
- [NSW Fair Trading - information for consumers](#)
- [NSW Fair Trading - information for businesses](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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