Information sheet for declared major event organisers

Major Events Legislation Amendment



Amendments to the Major Events Act 2009 will soon apply for declared events. The changes include further measures to protect fans of declared cultural, music and sporting events.

Reason for the changes:

The amendments will prevent the unauthorised resale of tickets bundled with goods, items or services (such as food or drinks). to declared major events. They also require individual tickets advertised to a declared major event to include seating details, the face value price of the ticket and the intended sale price.

The amendments will:

- Prohibit a person who is not authorised in writing by a declared major event organiser to sell tickets for a major event within a package that includes other tickets, goods, or services.
- Require authorised sellers of ticket packages for declared major events to state in writing that they
 are an authorised seller of ticket packages in any advertisements.
- Make it an offence to falsely claim to be an authorised seller of ticket packages to a declared major event.

Under these amendments, declared major event organisers are now required to:

- Create a register of authorised ticket package sellers. The register should be available on the event website and needs to include the full name or business name, ABN/ACN number, and a link to the authorised seller's website.
- Regularly update the register to reflect any changes to who is an authorised ticket package seller.
 The date that a change occurred should be included on the website.
- Provide a copy of the register to the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions at the conclusion of the event.

Further details on the new legislation can be found at vic.gov.au/ticketscalping.

