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## Local pubs, clubs share in \$50m lifeline

Central Queensland's pubs and clubs have been thrown a multi-million dollar lifeline with gaming taxes from March 2020 now deferred until 2021, the Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said today.

Ms Lauga, Assistant Education Minister, said this will improve cash-flow for pubs and clubs emerging from coronavirus restrictions, and local businesses will share in the \$50 million boon.

The existing deferral for March 2020 gaming taxes was due to expire on July 10, but has now been extended until 2021.

She said repayments for gaming taxes incurred in March 2020 will now be repaid in three equal instalments in February 2021, April 2021 and June 2021.

"Around 50 licensees who have already paid their gaming machine taxes for March have had a total of \$1.4 million returned to them.

"This comes on top of the \$22.7 million the Palaszczuk Government has already waived in liquor licensing renewal fees for 2020/21."

Ms Lauga said the latest taxation relief for pubs and clubs is part of a wider

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support package to help Queensland businesses unite and recover from coronavirus, including:

- payroll tax deferrals and refunds;
- low interest loans; and
- energy rebates.

“This will help keep our pubs and clubs operating, keeping jobs and providing entertainment.”

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