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Independent Statutory Review Confirms Strong Performance of BetStop – the National Self-Exclusion Register™ and Highlights Future Cross-Channel Integration Potential

HIGHLIGHTS

- Statutory Review of BetStop – The National Self Exclusion Register™ (“BetStop or “the NSER”) formally **tabled in the Australian Parliament** on 25th February 2026
- **Independent Government Review confirms BetStop is a “successful policy” delivering on its objectives**
- NSER described as **“performing an essential and much needed function”**
- System recognised as being **“administered well by the ACMA and the Register operator”**
- Platform underpinned by **“very sophisticated systems and state of the art, world-leading technology”**
- Over **53,000 Australians registered** since launch¹
- Review recommends further optimisation of the scheme, including potential expansion to additional online gambling products
- Review identifies improved coordination between **online and land-based exclusion frameworks** as a key area for future development
- Independent validation reinforces Dataworks’ capability to deliver secure, real-time, nation-scale regulatory technology platforms

Dataworks Group Limited (ASX: **DWG**) (“Dataworks” or “the Company”) notes that on 25 February 2026, the Australian Government tabled in the **Commonwealth Parliament** the *Report of the Statutory Review of BetStop – the National Self-Exclusion Register (NSER)*².

The Review was conducted pursuant to the **Interactive Gambling Act 2001**, which requires a formal review of the NSER after its first 12 months of operation. The Review was led by independent reviewer **Mr Richard Eccles** and tabled by the Minister for Communications.

Dataworks is the appointed Register Operator of the NSER, which it developed, implemented and operates on behalf of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA).

Review Findings

The independent Review concludes that the NSER is operating effectively and that its legislative and regulatory framework is largely fit-for-purpose.

The Review confirms that:

- The system has embedded successfully across approximately 200 licensed wagering providers.
- The centralised matching and verification architecture is operating reliably at national scale.
- Compliance integration across industry has matured since launch.
- The scheme is delivering meaningful harm minimisation outcomes.

The Review also makes recommendations aimed at strengthening the scheme over time, including increased awareness initiatives, enhanced data-matching collaboration, and consideration of expanding scope to online keno and other rapid-play products. The Australian Government is currently considering the review and will respond to its recommendations, including any decision on changes to the scheme, in due course.

¹ As at 1 December 2025

² <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/report-of-the-statutory-review-of-betstop-the-national-self-exclusion-register-december-2025.pdf>

Online and Land-Based Integration Considerations

The Review highlights stakeholder interest in improving coordination between online self-exclusion frameworks and land-based gambling environments.

While the NSER currently applies to online and telephone wagering, the Review notes the policy aspiration of achieving more seamless interaction between online and in-person exclusion systems over time.

Dataworks' modular, centralised architecture is capable of supporting multi-jurisdiction and multi-channel integrations. The successful delivery and operation of BetStop demonstrates the Company's capability to deploy secure identity verification and real-time matching infrastructure capable of operating across complex regulatory ecosystems.

Strategic Significance

The Review provides formal independent validation of Dataworks' ability to design, deploy and operate complex, mission-critical regulatory platforms at national scale.

The NSER operates as a real-time, high-availability national regulatory infrastructure platform integrated across the regulated online wagering ecosystem. The Company believes the successful delivery and operation of the NSER demonstrates the scalability and adaptability of its core technology architecture across additional regulatory and sector environments.

Al Watson, CEO of Dataworks Group, said:

"The Statutory Review provides strong independent validation of BetStop's performance, and the underlying technology architecture developed and operated by Dataworks.

Delivering a secure, real-time national platform integrated across the entire regulated online wagering sector required significant technical and operational capability. We are pleased that the Review has recognised both the robustness of the system and its important public policy role.

BetStop demonstrates Dataworks' ability to deliver infrastructure-grade regulatory technology at scale. We believe this capability is increasingly relevant as governments and regulators continue to strengthen compliance and harm-minimisation frameworks across digital and land-based sectors".

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About Dataworks

Dataworks Group Limited (ASX:DWG) is a leading Regulated Gaming Technology (RegTech) company, specializing in unique innovative technologies to combat problem gambling.

DWG's solutions, including **BetStop™ National Self-Exclusion Register**, which enable vulnerable individuals to safeguard themselves from the harms of gambling addiction. the NSER, operated exclusively for the Australian Government, empowers Australians to self-exclude from all licensed interactive wagering services for periods ranging from three months to a lifetime.

As a pioneer in regulated gaming technology, DWG is driving social impact by delivering secure, scalable, and ESG-aligned solutions for governments and operators worldwide. Leveraging its deep expertise in data security and compliance, DWG is redefining the future of responsible gambling technologies on a global scale.