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First two illegal offshore gambling websites blocked

The Morrison Government welcomes swift action taken by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to block the first two illegal offshore gambling websites under the Government's new website blocking scheme, announced last week.

ACMA will today request internet service providers (ISPs) block the Emu Casino and Fair Go Casino websites. Following the receipt of more than 50 complaints against the two websites, investigations by the regulator found the online casino-style games offered are prohibited under the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*.

Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher said, "Our Government is moving quickly to block these first two illegal offshore gambling websites."

"Illegal gambling websites are preying on Australians and can have devastating effects on people's lives. The new website blocking scheme is an important way in which the Government is helping keep Australians safe online," said Minister Fletcher.

This measure is part of a range of reforms introduced by the Government in response to the O'Farrell Review into Illegal Offshore Wagering.

For more information visit: www.acma.gov.au/online-gambling-services

For a list of Australian licensed wagering service providers visit:
www.acma.gov.au/theACMA/register-of-licensed-interactive-wagering-services

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