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Understand the myths and facts relating to money laundering and terrorism financing.

MYTH	VS	FACT
Pubs and clubs are low risk for money laundering.		Criminals use gaming machines to launder drug money, funds from other serious crimes, and to avoid tax.
Regular customers are unlikely to be money launderers.		Criminals may exploit the trust of patrons and staff to avoid detection.
Customers who both win and lose money are unlikely to be money launderers.		Criminals may be willing to lose some money as a cost of laundering their money.
My business will get into trouble if I report to AUSTRAC.		Reporting shows you take your responsibilities seriously. All reports to AUSTRAC are confidential.
Nothing will happen with the suspicious matter report (SMR) submitted to AUSTRAC.		Every report is important to prevent, detect and disrupt financial criminal abuse.

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