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**The New South Wales premier, Chris Minns, criticised his own government’s cashless gaming trial.**

The New South Wales premier has been accused of “misrepresenting” advice from an independent panel on poker machine reform by flagging he may “walk away from cashless gambling altogether”.

The criticism from charity and advocate groups came as one Labor backbencher warned his western Sydney electorate had “felt the brunt of gambling-related harm for too long”, while expressing hope “there will be further reforms to come”.

Despite everybody’s best effort to have cashless gaming rolled out across NSW gaming, it’s largely proved to be ineffective,” Minns said.

“It hasn’t worked, it’s not driven down the incidents of problem gambling, the take-up rate has been lower than we thought, the cost of compliance is enormous, astronomical.

“I can’t really justify, when we want to be putting money into new public schools and brand new public transport, putting hundreds of millions of dollars into a compliance network for pubs and clubs across the state.”

Minns told reporters his government was looking to take action “but in a responsible way”.

The comments angered the charity Wesley Mission, which was a member of the independent panel advising government.

“The premier’s comments last week indicate his government has every intention of binning the panel’s reform roadmap report and walking away from cashless gambling altogether,” said Wesley Mission’s general manager, Jim Wackett**.**