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10th March, 2009.

Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission
GPO Box 1428
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to the Commission in regard to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia's gambling industry whereby the Australian Government is researching the economical, social and environmental issues pertaining to his matter.

Kedron-Wavell Services Club Inc. ("KWSC") is a not-for-profit community club established some forty years ago providing employment to 220 staff and responsible for indirectly creating work for thousands of other people through associated industries.

The Club injects \$25 million into the State economy annually and in conjunction with the Kedron-Wavell RSL Sub-Branch ("KW RSL Sub-Branch"), is responsible for delivering approximately 75,000 volunteer hours to the community each year.

KWSC and the KW RSL Sub-Branch provide a range of facilities for all ages from Kids Club activities to senior craft classes culminating in visitations to the Kedron-Wavell precinct of approximately three quarters of a million people per year.

As a not-for-profit organisation, every dollar generated by KWSC is invested back into the community or to enhancing our service and facilities for members and over the last year, KWSC has voluntarily contributed a total of \$1,533,079 in the way of cash and in-kind donations.

KWSC prides itself on not only donating to nation and state-wide charities, but more importantly, supporting those local organisations at the grass roots. Every year, the Club supports a variety of locally-based groups, community events and fundraising initiatives in one or more of the following ways:

- In-kind Support
- Community Projects
- Sponsorship
- Cash Donations
- Support to organisations applying for community benefit funds
- Welfare assistance to members of the local community

- Sponsorship of junior and senior sport at all levels of competition
- Work experience and educational tours for schools
- Professional assistance to regional and community projects and industry support
- Frequent donation of prizes to surrounding schools and sporting organisations
- Administration assistance.

In-Kind Support

The Club frequently donates prizes, provides free room hire, or offers assistance to organisations or individuals coordinating fundraising events at KWSC. The Club provides administrative support, catering, use of facilities at a discounted rate or free of charge.

During 2008, KWSC provided free advertising, ticketing and room hire for aged care advocate group, Daniel Shield's recent fundraising dinner at the Club. This organisation works towards minimising neglect of the elderly and providing the care and nursing these people so desperately need.

Community Projects

KWSC regularly supports Variety Queensland in their community projects and 2008 was no exception with the Club funding a swing built in the local 7th Brigade Park for children with mobility disabilities to experience the joys of the playground in a way previously not possible. KWSC donated a total of \$25,000 to fund this vital piece of equipment. In addition, the Club staged a 'Swing for Kids' fundraiser dinner show at the Club on 23rd May, 2008 in order to raise funds for this worthy cause.

We have also, in conjunction with the KW RSL Sub-Branch, collectively donated \$10,000 to the Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation with a further commitment of \$10,000 each year over the next four years totalling \$50,000. The Gallipoli Medical Research Foundation, located at Greenslopes Private Hospital, supports the efforts of researchers to find causes, cures, better management methods and improved medications and treatments of a range of major conditions which affect the health of veterans and the Australian community at large.

Cash Donations

Every year, KWSC donates money to various charities such as the Leukaemia Foundation, the Starlight Children's Foundation, Camp Quality Montrose-Access, Aspley View Club, Legacy Group, The Queensland Wildlife Preservation Society and Wildlife Warriors.

One of our donations for 2008 consisted of \$28,053 which was presented to the local Aspley view Club who raise funds for the Smith Family. The Smith Family are an independent non-profit organisation who strive to help disadvantaged Australian children and their families by linking these children with opportunities, services and supports and connecting them with those Australians who have the capacity, skills and resources to help.

The Kedron-Wavell Legacy Care Group provides services for those who are suffering economically and socially after the death of a spouse or parent and are another of our major beneficiaries for 2008 whereby the Club donated a total of \$21,176 which will go towards assisting young families, disabled dependents, children and the ageing.

KWSC also raised \$6,670 for the Club's Smile for a Child Program during 2008 through Club promotions such as Club Smile Friday and corporate events like our Fire and Ice themed Riverfire fundraiser.

In addition to the above, Burnie Brae in conjunction with KWSC, launched a new service called Project Pantry and held its first 'Market Day' aimed at providing staple foods and products free of charge to disadvantaged pensioners. KWSC contributes both a monetary amount and goods in-kind each month to assist the Burnie Brae Centre in running this project.

KWSC is very supportive of the Government's initiative in regard to this Inquiry and we proffer this submission so that the Inquiry is furnished with real and accurate information regarding our contribution to the community.

We thank you for your consideration of the above and are available to discuss any matters pertaining to this issue.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Sartori". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

Chris Sartori
Secretary/Manager