

## NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA CHINCHILLA BRANCH INC. P.O. BOX 429 CHINCHILLA. Q. 4413.

25th March 2009

Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission GPO Box 1428 CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Sirs,

Re: Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club Inc.

We are advised that a Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia's gambling industry is being undertaken. Our organisation uses the services of the Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club Inc. As they conduct gambling operations we wish to place on record the benefits we receive from their club which would be supported by their gambling proceeds.

We are a branch of National Seniors Australia (NSA) which is a body established to improve the lot of Australians aged 50 years and over. NSA has a membership throughout Australia of approximately 300,000. Our branch has a membership of 90 and has a charter to assist all persons 50 years and over in our area to maintain a useful and healthy lifestyle. In this endeavour we encourage our members to participate in many activities. We also organise donations to charitable bodies who care for the elderly e.g. Meals on Wheels, Blue Care and Illoura Retirement Village.

Our Branch meets regularly each month on the premises of the Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club. The club provides these premises with no charge. We also have held a number of functions where members of National Seniors Australia from other branches attend for Zone conferences. Again the use of the RSL premises is free of charge. When these Zone conferences are held the cost of meals supplied have been subsidised by the Club. Our Branch recently held our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations at the club at which we catered for 98 persons. All who attended expressed their delight at the manner which the venue was presented.

Without the support of the Chinchilla RSL Memorial Club Inc. in this manner our branch would not be able to continue to hold these meetings at such a suitable venue.

National Seniors Australia Chinchilla Branch Inc.

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D. J. Brodie President