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Gaming Inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
GPO Box 1428  
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Dear Commissioners

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission, on behalf of Everglades Country Club.

I draw your attention to the following.

**Key facts**

Everglades Country Club is located on the Central Coast of NSW at Woy Woy near Gosford. It was established in 1957. The Club is a sporting Club with 6,169 members.

The Club has 1,585 golfers and 286 bowlers utilising an 18 hole golf course and 3 bowling greens respectively. Both of these facilities are used by visiting players.

The Club facilities include;

- . Foyer/reception
- . Bistro
- . Coffee shop
- . Bar and Lounge
- . Auditorium
- . Gaming area
- . TAB
- . Function rooms
- . Member amenities
- . Golf Pro-shop
- . Car park

### **Economic Contribution**

Everglades Country Club holds a valuable position in the local community employing

- full time 24
- part time 9
- casuals 14

The main revenue sources to 30 June 2008 are:

- gaming \$3,372,000
- beverage \$1,851,000
- golf \$ 889,000
- bowls \$ 59,000

The Club has paid \$1,437,193 in taxes in the financial year ending 30 June 2008.

### **Special Contributions**

Everglades Country Club has played a significant role in supporting local endeavours for the past 50 years. The golf course hosts (6) competitions per week and attracts visitors (7) days week.

Assistance is provided for

- . high school golf, concessional fees, 2 days/week
- . junior sport, concessional membership fees
- . community groups assisted with concessional access to meeting rooms
- . free entertainment and subsidised meals for senior citizens 24 weeks per year.

Further the Club provided financial support for the following organisations;

- . Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Group
- . Wigwam Group
- . Yarren Early Intervention Group
- . Centre Care Broken Bay
- . Central Coast Eisteddfod
- . WOW Girls
- . Woy Woy Community Aged Care
- . Camp Breakaway
- and many others (not listed).

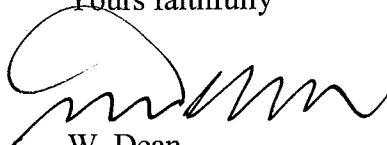
In Year 2007 - 2008 the Club donated \$51,100.00 to local Community Groups and associations.

### **Responsible Gambling Commitment**

Everglades Country Club has an ongoing commitment to providing a responsible gambling environment. This included subscribing to the Club Safe Program. All staff in the gaming area hold Responsible Service Gaming Certificates. The Club takes our commitment to the responsible provision of gaming services seriously.

Gambling is an important part of the Club and has allowed the Club to grow and provide sporting facilities for members otherwise unavailable in this area.

Yours faithfully



W. Dean  
Secretary Manager.