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Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission  
G.P.O. Box 1428  
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Dear Sirs,

This club was established in 1957 by a group of people interested in promoting the rights and welfare of returned soldiers and as the years have gone on this has not only happened but we also provide for the elderly in organised groups or as they present themselves to the club. We have a very active pensions office and this office not only deals with the Department of Veteran Affairs but general enquiries from the elderly and without this office a number of our members would be adversely affected.

We support local junior and senior sport in the area. We support Legacy and other groups affiliated with the R.S.L. movement and other groups that are not associated with the R.S.L. such as Rotary, Lions, View and a number of others who have their meetings and dinners at subsidised rates. The complete pricing structure of the club is about affordability. For example, people in possession of an aged pension card receive special discounts in our bistro and our pensioners enjoy a free Christmas luncheon each year.

Our gaming installation is separate to the rest of the club and seems to work rather well without heavy promotion. We have the necessary and statutory signage and indicate the facilities for problem gamblers and certainly without gaming this club would not be able to supply the facilities to the people less fortunate and others who require certain facilities to retain membership without gaming.

I have enclosed a letter from city mayor Keith Rhoades who is also a board member to give his view on gaming machine income and its effect on the community.

Yours faithfully,

R.T. EDWARDS  
GENERAL MANAGER