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Dear Commissioners,

I thank you for providing a copy of your recent report into gaming and its draft recommendations.

Having now had the opportunity to absorb its contents over the past few weeks I respectfully wish to make further comment.

It is my Board's belief if only a portion of those recommendations were to be implemented the affect on the Belrose Bowling Club would result in unsustainable financial pressures. A minimum outcome would require the shedding of staff and withdrawal of support for community groups as detailed in my submission, along with a dramatic reduction in services and facilities to our members. At the other end of the scale if a majority of those recommendations were to be implemented the Board strongly believes it would result in the Club's closure with a loss of employment for 16 staff and the demise of a much needed sporting facility available to our members and the community, many of whom are elderly.

I provide the following additional information from our 2008/09 financial report that was not available at the time of my previous submission.

- Total revenues (excluding gaming) \$1,166,395
- Gaming revenue \$966,191
- Operating profit \$244,778
- Total assets \$6,682,583
- Total liabilities \$257,680

It should be noted my Board were in the process of considering a major development to one of our bowling greens which would have incorporate a roof structure and artificial surface at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000. This project has significant advantages in that it would provide UV protection for the players and be extremely friendly for disabled persons, particularly those in wheel chairs. The financing of this project would require borrowings. As a consequence of the Commissions Draft Report this major project has been suspended pending any or all of the Inquiries recommendations being implemented.

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The Belrose Bowling Club Board has a concern the Productivity Commission has failed to address the Terms of Reference requiring an analysis of the contribution of gambling revenue to the economy, community development activity and employment. We believe the Commission has failed to recognise the significant social and economic contribution made by clubs. We request the Productivity Commission measure the costs of the draft recommendations as well as the benefits.

I refer you to my earlier submission and ask that the information outlining the Belrose Bowling Club's value to our community groups and members alike be reconsidered as part of a full analysis as required by the Inquiries terms of reference.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M Gibb', written in a cursive style.

John M Gibb

Chairman