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Gambling Inquiry – Draft Report  
Productivity Commission  
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Collins Street East,  
MELBOURNE. VIC. 8003.

Dear Sir,

**Re: Club Response to the Draft Report on Gambling.**

The Board of Wynnum Manly Leagues Club wishes me to convey the serious concerns of our Club and its Members on your Draft Report on Gambling.

The principal purpose of our existence, as stated in our Memorandum of Association is to promote, foster, support and encourage the aims and objects of the game of Rugby League Football, other sports and recreational activities in the Wynnum Manly Redland District. We currently own a football field, cricket field, lease two bowls greens and our licensed Club is situated next to the football field. We currently employ 86 casuals, 27 part time and 38 full time employees.

We have a total of 14,364 members and they visit the Club for a range of services and facilities. We have a Sports Bar, Bistro, four Function Rooms and a Gaming Lounge.

We are very concerned about the negative impact that the Draft findings and recommendations would have on the financial viability of the Club. This would most likely include loss of jobs, curtailment of services we currently provide to our members and, most importantly, a reduction in our community contributions.

In our last financial year we returned a total of \$1,178,515 in cash and in kind support. There would not be a family in the district that has not benefited in some way by the Club's support.

There is no way we can maintain this level of community support if adverse measures such as those contained in the Draft Report are placed on community gaming.

Gaming serves different purposes in different venues. For Clubs which are not-for-profit entities, gaming is a community initiative, which supports a range of community services and facilities. It is critical that there is a strong demarcation between community gaming and for profit or entrepreneurial gaming. A balance needs to be achieved in the final report between the needs of gaming venues and their patrons (of whom only a very small number have a gambling problem).

We would expect the demise of a significant number of community clubs should all the recommendations be taken up by respective Governments throughout Australia.

Yours sincerely



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