

I note the Commission's Draft Report contain a number of extreme measures to curtail the usage of poker machines. The following are of grave concern to our Club.

- Mandatory card based pre-commitment
- \$200 ATM daily withdrawal limit
- \$1 maximum bet
- \$20 input limit
- Prizes above \$250 to be paid by cheque

Randwick Labor Club

The Club commenced operations in September 1963, main facilities of the Club centre around the Auditorium, Bistro Food Outlet, Seminar and Conference Center, Bars, Social Functions, TAB and Gaming Machines.

The core purpose of the Club is to provide safe social and recreational facilities for our 7186 members and their guests.

Gaming Services

The Club has 110 poker machines, a TAB, Club Keno and runs a number of weekly raffles for meat trays and a variety of electrical goods plus a Members Badge Draw.

Employment and Training

Randwick Labor Club employs 52 staff (11 full time, 6 part time and 35 casual), this excludes cleaners. Most employees have some form of gaming duties. The Clubs employment policy is to engage staff that have a Responsible Conduct of Gaming Certificate. Staff members are also trained in First Aid and Armed Robbery Prevention, RSA and RCG Certificates are compulsory for Randwick Labor Club employees, customer service and hospitality training is also undertaken.

Role in the Community

Randwick Labor Club plays an important social role in the community including the sponsorship of sporting teams, surf clubs and a wide range of other organisations. These community links are forged and maintained by Club revenue, 69.3% of which is provided by poker machines.

During 2008-2009 the Club's financial support to the community was \$85,175.

Responsible Conduct of Gaming Policy

Randwick Labor Club has a strong commitment to the responsible conduct of gaming and has in place a strict policy of compliance with the legislative programs including Club Safe and other relevant legislative programs.

Gaming Machines

Gambling on Poker Machines is a legal and popular recreation enjoyed by millions of ordinary Australians. In 2004 the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) published the results of a 2003 inquiry into gambling titled "Gambling: Promoting a Culture of Responsibility."

Stated in its finding were:

"Many People in NSW regard gambling as an enjoyable activity, for example they may see it as:

- A way to pass the time in a pleasant social environment
- A form of entertainment or an escape from reality
- A hobby or way to relax
- A chance of achieving the dream of financial security
- A medium to help them meet other people

Economic Contribution

Total non gaming machine revenue last Financial Year was \$2,213,135

Revenue	2007 (\$)	Duty & GST	2008(\$)	Duty & GST	2009(\$)	Duty & GST
Metered Poker Machine	5,398,887	1,412,230	4,864,319	1,248,083	4,570,929	1,187,653
Property Rents	177,236	---	648,370	---	843,056	---
Bar Trading	727,662	---	739,965	---	752,470	---
Food Trading	523,174	---	498,950	---	520,360	---
Gaming Commissions (Keno & TAB)	64,099	---	47,709	---	46,153	---

Total Borrowings

The Club's outstanding debt is currently \$4.5 Million, total assets being \$33,030,552.

Planned Investment

A Stage 2 renovation project to upgrade the Fire Service and refurbish the 4th Floor has been assessed at \$3,000,000.

List of Community Organisations Utilising Club Facilities

Bear Cottage	Rotary
Benevolent Society	St Michaels, Daceyville School
Bondi United Rugby Club	St Vincents College, Potts Point
Brigidine College Ex-Students	Sydney Surf Life Saving Club
Clovelly Eagles Rugby Club	Ted Noffs Foundation
Coogee Public School	The Association of Community Theatre
Gideons	UNSW Sports Association
Marcellin College, Randwick	UNSW Baseball
NSW Teachers Federation	UNSW Basketball
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School	UNSW Cricket
Post Polio Network	UNSW Foundation (Water Polo)
Prince of Wales Volunteers	UNSW Soccer
Randwick Public School	UNSW Touch
Rainbow Street School	Windgap
Randwick Netball Association	Youth Off The Streets
Randwick SES	

List of Organisations Receiving Financial Support 2001-2009

AIM for Fitness	Catholic Youth Services
Australia Day Council	Centra Care – Living the Dream
Australian Aid Ireland	Chifley Public School
Bear Cottage	Children's Cancer Research
Berne Education Centre	Clovelly Playgroup
Bluey Day	Clubs NSW Tsunami Appeal
Bridge for Asylum Seekers	Coast Centre for Seniors
Brown Nurses	Community Health and Aged Care
Calvary Hospital	Computer Pals for Seniors
Cancer Council	Consumer Activities Network
Cassinar, College Marrickville	Coogee Bowling Club
Castellorizian Nursing Home	Coogee Boys' Prep

Coogee Dolphin Street Playgroup
Coogee Public School
Coogee SLSC
Deli Women's & Children's Centre
Department of Geriatric Medicine
Eastern Suburbs Scarba / Benevolent Society
EBPCSG
First Strep – Matthew Talbot
Fitness for Seniors – Community Health
Glen McEnally Appeal
Irabina Association – Cable Cottage
Karitane
Labor Day Committee
Learning Links
Leukemia Foundation
LHMU
Life Start Co Op
Lionel Bowen Young Writers
Little Bay Sisters
Little Sisters of Mercy
Marcellin College, Randwick
Marist College, Pagewood
Maroubra Bowls Club
Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club
Maroubra-Randwick National Seniors
Mascot Police Benefit
Matrville PCYC
Matrville Public School
Matthew Talbot Homeless Services
Michael Ormsby
Mick Young Scholarship Trust
Microsearch Foundation
Millennium Foundation (G Harrison)
Motor Neurone Disease Association
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Muscular Dystrophy/ Eastside Friends
Neuroscience Institute Schizophrenia
NSW Cancer
Oncology Research Centre
Our Lady of the Rosary
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Pendleton, Rick – Paralympian
Rainbow Street

Randwick & Coogee Amateur Swimming
Randwick Ambulance
Randwick Bowling Club
Randwick City Council
Randwick Cricket Club
Randwick Golf Club Associates
Randwick Institute
Randwick Lantern Club
Randwick Local CDSE Committee
Randwick Meals on Wheels
Randwick Rugby Injured Players Fund
Randwick Warriors Rugby Club
Randwick Waverley Community Bus
Red Shield Appeal
RLC Lawn Bowlers
Royal Blind Society
Royal Hospital for Women
Saints Junior Rugby
Scouts Australia
Sir Roden Cutler Charities
Sisters of Charity
Soroptimist International
South Maroubra SLSC
St Agnes' Primary School
St Aiden's Primary School
St Mary's Cathedral Conservation Appeal
St Vincent De Paul
Steeping Stones Early Learning
Sunnyfield Association
Sydney Children's Hospital
Sydney City Mission
Ted Noffs Foundation
UNSW Sports Association
UNSW Baseball
UNSW Basketball
UNSW Cricket
UNSW Foundation (Water Polo)
UNSW Soccer
UNSW Touch
Unions NSW
Variety the Children's Charity
Warrane College
World youth Day
Youth Off The Streets

Conclusion

Randwick Labor Club relies on gaming revenue to provide employment plus the reasonable cost of food and beverages for members and to continue to fund its program of support for local community organisations. It should be noted that due largely to increased poker machine tax and smoking legislation, poker machine revenue at Randwick Labor Club reduced by \$534,568 in the years 2007 to 2008 and a further \$293,390 in the years 2008 to 2009. In the past two years poker machine revenue has reduced by a total of \$827,958. Reductions in gaming revenue over the past twelve months have been widespread within the club industry with many clubs now in financial difficulty.

If the measures outlined on page 2 of this submission are implemented it would not be possible for the Club to continue its current operation. The following would most certainly occur:-

- Substantial loss of jobs and reduction of operating hours
- Increased prices for food and beverages
- The introduction of a room hire charge for Community Based Voluntary Organisations
- Reduction in the financial support that is currently given to Sporting and Charitable Organisations

I sincerely request that the Commission take into account this Submission and my Submission to the Gambling Enquiry Productivity Commission of 13 March 2009.

Yours Sincerely

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