

Gambling Inquiry
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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to address the way in which casinos impact on the community and myself personally.

I would like to point out that this letter isn't just sour grapes, as I've got no problems about going into a casino and losing a couple of hundred dollars, after all you don't gamble what you can't afford to lose.

Under current drinking laws, licensed premises can refuse to serve you drinks if they think you are intoxicated. At the Canberra Casino, I have been told "*Sorry sir you've had to much to drink, we can't serve you any more alcohol, but feel free to stay and play the tables*". I have also seen this happen to a number of other people.

My point is, if they think you don't have your senses about you to serve you alcohol, why should they be allowed to let you continue playing the tables. I'll tell you the reason, it is because they know they will more than likely get every cent you have in your wallet.

I think there should be a law that says, if you're intoxicated and they can't serve you alcohol, then they shouldn't be allowed to let you continue playing the tables.

Yours faithfully

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