

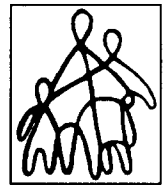
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Gambling Inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
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Dear Sir/Ms

I am writing on behalf of the NSW Gambling Issues Forum, which comprises representatives of key community, consumer, church and academic organisations, and which is serviced by the Council of Social Service of NSW (NCOSS).

Forum members are strongly supportive of the quality and comprehensives of the Commission's draft report.

In particular, the Forum notes the careful assessment of existing research on the nature and scope of gambling activities in the Australian community and the important survey and related work undertaken to estimate the incidence of the negative impacts of gambling issues.

We believe that the "findings" in the draft report are sound and consistent.

Forum members would urge the Commission to clearly articulate, in its final report, future directions for government, business and community actions in effectively regulating one of this nation's fastest growing industry areas and establishing appropriate consumer protection and social impact management measures.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Moore'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being prominent.

Gary Moore  
Director

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Anglicare NSW - Anglicare Welfare Services

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Benevolent Society Of NSW  
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GAME - St Vincent De Paul Society  
Immigrant Women's Speakout Association NSW  
Inner South West Community  
Inner Sydney Regional Council Social Develop.  
Lifeline Financial Counselling Service - P'matta  
Local Community Services Association  
Macarthur Community Forum  
Mission Australia  
Network of Alcohol And Other Drug Agencies  
Northern Suburbs Community Development Project  
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