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Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission GPO Box 1428 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission...

Key Facts

Rockdale RSL Sub-Branch Club Limited is located at Rockdale NSW, and was established in 1921. The Club presently has 4,600 members.

The main facilities provided are:

- Keno
- Bistro
- Restaurant
- Tab
- Live Music Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights
- Poker Machines
- Functions
- Sunday Concerts

Rockdale RSL Sub-Branch Club Limited currently employs 31 staff (12 full time, 7 part time and 12 casuals).

Poker machines and gambling services accounted for 81% of Rockdale RSL Subbranch Club Limited's revenue during 2008. Other forms of revenue generated from bar and restaurant services accounted for 19%. In 2008 our level of poker machine taxation increased:

Duty payable at 0.00% on profit earnings 0 to \$50,000 Plus duty payable at 10.30% on profit earnings 50,000.01 to 250,000 Plus duty payable at 21.30% on profit earnings 250,000.01 to 1,250,000 Plus duty payable 28.40% on profit earnings 1,250,000.01 to 2,500,000 Plus duty payable at 32% on profit earnings in excess of \$2,500,000

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The Rockdale RSL Sub-Branch Club Limited supports a number of local sporting clubs ie;

- Cricket
- Golf
- Soccer (three teams)
- Netball

In 2008 under the Community Development and Support Expenditure Scheme, the club contributed \$72,000.00 to the following:

- Salvation Army
- North Brighton School
- Cancer Research
- Leukemia Foundation
- Lions Club
- St. George Eisteddfod
- McGrath Foundation
- Rockdale RSL Women's Auxiliary (Bus Trips for the Elderly)
- Oruzgan Province Fund
- Proplay Social Golf Club
- Rockdale Cricket Club
- Waikiti Netball Club
- Rockdale City Raiders
- St. George United Soccer Club
- Rockdale RSL Golf Club
- Rockdale Guild Club
- St. George Youth Services (Room Hire)
- War Widows Guild (Room Hire)
- Vision Impaired (Room Hire
- Probus (Room Hire)
- Motor Neurone Disease Association
- Rockdale Public School
- Wanda Surf Life Saving Club
- Roselands Sports and Aquatics
- St. George Hospital
- Calvary Hospital
- Georges River Concert Band
- St. Josephs School
- Air League Rockdale Squadron
- T.S. Sirius
- War Widows Guild
- Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club
- Legacy
- Guide Dogs

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Rockdale RSL Sub-Branch Club Limited is a member of the Club Safe Programme and provides staff responsible gambling literature when they are employed.

Our club takes our commitment to the responsible provision of gambling services seriously. It is a club policy that all staff that assists in the delivery of gaming services completes the Responsible Conduct of Gaming Certificate.

Poker machine revenue is an important revenue steam that has allowed Rockdale RSL Sub-Branch Club Limited to serve the community.

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