
A Participation and public consultation

The Commission received the terms of reference for this inquiry on 26 August 1998. The inquiry was advertised widely and an Issues Paper was sent to a large number of individuals and organisations. During the inquiry the Commission held informal discussions with a wide range of people and organisations (section A.2), organised six roundtable meetings (section A.3) and held public hearings in all states and territories (section A.4). In addition, 290 public submissions were received (section A.5), together with 39 confidential submissions. The Commission is grateful to all those who participated in the inquiry.

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A.2 Visits with individuals and organisations

The Commission made an extensive round of visits, holding discussions with the following people and organisations.

Australian Capital Territory

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Norfolk Island Gaming Authority

New South Wales

Access Systems
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Aristocrat Leisure Industries
Australian Hotels Association (NSW)
Australian Retailers Association
Betsafe group of clubs
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Casino Community Development Fund
Department of Gaming and Racing
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Nepean Rowing Club
NSW Lotteries
Online Gambling Association of Australia
Penrith Panthers Club
Registered Clubs Association of NSW
Society of Vincent de Paul, GAME program
Star City
Paul Symond, St Edmunds Private Hospital
TAB Ltd
Wesley Gambling Counselling Services

Victoria

Australian Hotels Association (Vic)
Break Even counsellors
Crown Casino
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Interchurch Gambling Task Force
Assoc Prof Alun Jackson
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Office of Racing
Tabcorp Holdings Ltd
Tattersall's
Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority

South Australia

Adelaide Central Mission
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Liquor and Gaming Commissioner
Treasury
The Hon Nick Xenophon MLC

Queensland

BreakEven
Department of Families, Youth and Community Care
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Jupiters Casino
Queensland Council of Social Services
Queensland Office of Gaming Regulation
Racing Industry Taskforce
Relationships Australia, Queensland
Treasury
Rev John Tully

Western Australia

BreakEven
Burswood International Resort Casino
Department of Treasury
Lotteries Commission of WA
Ministry of Premier and Cabinet
Office of Racing, Gaming and Liquor
TAB
Tourism Commission

Northern Territory

Amity Community Service & Anglicare
Centrebet
Chief Minister's Office
Ethnic Communities Council
Department of Health
Lasseters Hotel Casino
Menzies School of Health Research
MGM Grand Darwin Hotel/Casino
Racing and Gaming Commission
Treasury

Tasmania

Wrest Point Casino

New Zealand

Dr Max Abbott, Auckland Institute of Technology
Compulsive Gambling Society of New Zealand
Department of Internal Affairs
Lotteries Commission of New Zealand
New Zealand TAB

Washington

National Gambling Impact Study Commission

A.3 Roundtables

Canberra, 10 September 1998

Mr Jack Ball AM	Council of Community Clubs of Australia and New Zealand
Mr James Connolly	Wesley Gambling Counselling Services
Rev Tim Costello	Interchurch Gambling Task Force
Prof Mark Dickerson	University of Western Sydney
Prof Anne Edwards	Flinders University
Dr Peter Grabosky	Australian Institute of Criminology
Mr John Harris	Tattersalls
Mr Jim Hoggett	Star City
Ms Margo McGregor	Australian Hotels Association (SA)
Prof Jan McMillen	Australian Institute for Gambling Research
Mr Toby O'Connor	Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission
Mr Michael Schilling	Consultant

Goulburn, 26 October 1998 — regional issues

This roundtable was organised for the Commission by the Goulburn City Council.

Margaret O'Neill	The Mayor
David Mantle	Workers Club
Martin Tattersall	Goulburn Correctional Centre
Richard Simmer	Secretary, AHA Goulburn & District

Allison O'Brien	Country Women's Association of NSW
Rob Watson	Goulburn Golf Club/Chamber of Commerce
Keith Cole	Goulburn Soldiers' Club
Garry Easterby	Goulburn Soldiers' Club
Alex Gilroy	Psychologist
Louis Maroya	Mulwaree Shire Council
Sen. Sgt. Ken Topham	Goulburn Police

Canberra, 27 October 1998 — methodology and surveys

Prof. Mark Dickerson	University of Western Sydney
Dr Michael Walker	University of Sydney
Prof Jan McMillen	Australian Institute for Gambling Research
Assoc Prof Alun Jackson	University of Melbourne
Dr Paul Delfabbro	Flinders University of South Australia

Port Augusta, 9 December 1998 — regional issues

This roundtable was organised for the Commission by the City of Port Augusta.

Anne Marie Sharp	Department of Family and Youth Services
Cephas Stanley	Pika Wiya Health Services
Trish Munn	Centacare Whyalla
Joan Carcuro	St Vincent de Paul
David Hervey	Port Augusta Focus
David Curnow	Port Augusta Prison
Peter Taylor	Pastoral Hotel
Roy Pool	Port Augusta Racing Club
John Elley	Port Augusta Bowling Club
Robert Cugley	Salvation Army

Canberra, 12 February 1999 — gambling and crime

This roundtable was organised for the Commission by the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Mandy Carter	National Crime Authority
Det. Supt. Denis Edmonds	South Australian Police
Janelle Ford	Wesley Community Legal Service
Dr Peter Grabosky	Australian Institute of Criminology
Bill Horman	Crown Casino

Marianne James	Australian Institute of Criminology
Prof Jan McMillen	Australian Institute for Gambling Research
Peter O'Brien	University of Technology, Sydney
Jelena Popovic	Melbourne Magistrates Court
Ass. Comm. Clive Small	New South Wales Police
Supt. Ray Sweeny	Australian Federal Police

Sydney, 18 October 1999 — assessing the incidence and costs of problem gambling

Prof Jan McMillen	Australian Institute for Gambling Research
Assoc Prof Blaszczyński	Psychiatry Research and Teaching Unit, University of Sydney
Dr Clive Allcock	University of Sydney & Cumberland Hospital
Dr Michael Walker	Gambling Research Unit, University of Sydney

A.4 Public hearings and submissions

The following people and organisations participated in public hearings.

Perth, 2 November 1998

Western Australian Council of Social Services, Coalition Against Pokies
 Independent Gaming Corporation
 Wendy Silver
 Lockridge Community Group
 Anglican Social Responsibilities Commission of Western Australia

Brisbane, 9 November 1998

J.D. Davis
 Rev John Tully
 Dr Myles McGregor-Lowndes, Queensland University of Technology
 Relationships Australia
 Logan City Council

Darwin, 12 November 1998

Dr Bill Tyler, Northern Territory University, Centre for Social Research

Sydney, 16-17 November 1998

Council of Community Clubs of Australia and New Zealand
New South Wales Council on Problem Gambling
Wesley Community Legal Service
Don Beggs
Star City
Betsafe
Peter Mair
Norm Hooper
Access Systems Pty Ltd
Australian Hotels Association (NSW)
Marea Donnelly
St Vincent de Paul, GAME program

Melbourne, 23-25 November 1998

Springvale Legal Service
Interchurch Gambling Task Force
Melbourne Anglican Social Responsibilities Committee
Catholic Social Services
Victorian Local Governance Association
Maribyrnong City Council
City of Greater Dandenong
Moreland City Council
Committee on Problem Gambling
Compulsive Gambling Society of New Zealand
Ian Murphy
Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services
Women's Electoral Lobby
Financial and Consumer Rights Council and Broadmeadows Care
Tabcorp Holdings Ltd
G-Line
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association
Licensed Clubs Association of Victoria
Gabriella Byrne
Australian Labor Party, Victorian Branch
Australian Hotels Association (Vic)
Jane Pashallis

Canberra, 30 November 1998

Senator Grant Chapman
Gambling Crisis and Counselling Service
John Beagle
Lifeline Canberra

Adelaide, 7-8 December 1998

The Hon Nick Xenophon MLC
Australian Hotels Association (SA)
Anglicare
Terry Coughlin
The Australian Family Party
Richard Balfour
Adelaide Central Mission
National Association of Gambling Studies
Festival of Light, South Australian Branch
Relationships Australia
National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction
Adelaide Crusade Centre
Nunkuwarrin Yunti

Hobart, 14 December 1998

Anglicare Tasmania
Local Government Association of Tasmania and Brighton Council
Australian Hotels Association
Retail Traders Association of Tasmania
Tasmanian Council of Social Services

Melbourne, 30 March 1999 (supplementary)

ACIL Consulting
TAB Ltd
Tabcorp Holdings Ltd
Crown Casino
Tattersall's
Access Economics

Canberra, 20 August 1999

The Hon Nick Xenophon MLC

Dr Anne Hawke and Prof Richard Blandy, University of South Australia

Melbourne, 25-26 August 1999

BreakEven Services in Victoria

Interchurch Gambling Task Force

Gabriela Byrne

Kelly & Donna

Jesuit Social Services

Springvale Legal Service

Victorian Women's Trust

Broadmeadows Progress Association

Neville Ford

Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Victoria

BJ mAsters Pty Ltd Professional Blackjack School

Hobart, 31 August 1999

Kim Peart

Brighton Council

Anglicare Tasmania

Melbourne, 1 September 1999

Victorian Local Governance Association

Boroondara City Council

Moreland City Council

Licensed Clubs Association of Victoria

Adelaide, 13 September 1999

Relationships Australia

Dr Anne Hawke and Prof Richard Blandy, University of South Australia

Festival of Light

Adelaide Central Mission

Nunkuwarrin Yunti

Sydney, 16-17 September 1999

Rev Fred Nile, Christian Democratic Party
Australian Hotels Association
Rev Harry Herbert, Uniting Church Board for Social Responsibility
Star City
Wesley Community Legal Service
Public Interest Advocacy Centre
St Vincent de Paul, GAME Program
Prof Jan McMillen, Australian Institute for Gambling Research
New South Wales Community Benefit Fund
Norm Hooper

Brisbane, 30 September-1 October 1999

Sunshine Coast Community Services Council
Rev John Tully, New Life Ministry at Street Level
Australian Hotels Association (Vic)
Community Clubs Association of Australia and New Zealand
ACIL Consulting
Tabcorp Holdings Ltd
Interchurch Gambling Task Force
Jim Stewart
Clubs Queensland
Australian Casinos Association
Southside Coalition of Emergency Relief Agencies

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