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Dear Mr Wilson

RE: PInE00443/18 Application for increase of Electronic Gaming Machines at Lynbrook Tavern, 1-3 Commercial Drive, Lynbrook

Thank you for your correspondence of Thursday 1 March 2018 addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, John Bennie.

The CEO has noted your letter and has requested that I review and respond directly to the matters you raise therein. These remarks are submitted by the City of Greater Dandenong in response to an application to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation by Lynbrook Tavern Pty Ltd for 20 electronic gaming machines (EGMs) in addition to its existing 55 machines.

The Lynbrook Hotel is situated in the City of Casey, six kilometres from the southern residential portion of Dandenong and less than one kilometre from sites of industrial employment in Dandenong South within Greater Dandenong.

The Greater Dandenong Electronic Gambling Policy, endorsed by Council in 2014 contains provisions relating to applications for gaming machines in nearby areas within adjacent municipalities.

In particular, section 7.5.5 of the Greater Dandenong Electronic Gambling Policy states:

Council may, at its discretion, inform the VCGLR or VCAT of its opposition to any EGM application in an adjacent municipal district where it considers that the proposal may result in adverse effects upon Greater Dandenong residents.

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English

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Albanian/Shqip

Ky është një mesazh i rëndësishëm. Nëse keni nevojë për ndihmë në gjuhën tuaj ju lutemi na kontaktoni përmes TIS shërbimit të përkthimit në 13 14 50. Kur telefononi këtë numër, na informoni për gjuhën tuaj dhe operatori do të organizojë një përkthyes. Kërkojini përkthyesit që t'ju transferojë të flisni me personin që ka nënshkruar letrën.

Arabic/عربي

هذه رسالة هامة. إذا كنت بحاجة للمساعدة بلغتك يرجى الاتصال بنا خلال خدمة الترجمة التحريرية والشفهية TIS على الرقم 13 14 50. وعند اتصالك بهذا الرقم أذكر لغتك التي تتحدثها وسيقوم موظف الهاتف بتوفير مترجم لك عبر الهاتف. أطلب من المترجم أن يصلك بالشخص الذي وقع على الخطاب.

Chinese/中国

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Dari/دري

این یک پیغام با اهمیت است. اگر به لسان خودتان کمک می خواهید لطفا از طریق تیس (خدمات ترجمانی) TIS نمبر 13 14 50 با ما تماس حاصل نمایند. وقتی به این نمبر زنگ زدید، لسان خود را بگویند و مأمور تلفون یک ترجمان برای شما خواهد گرفت. از ترجمان تقاضا کنید ارتباط شما را با کسی که مکتوب را امضا کرده است برقرار نماید.

Greek/Ελληνικά

Αυτό είναι ένα σημαντικό μήνυμα. Αν χρειάζεστε βοήθεια στη γλώσσα σας παρακαλούμε επικοινωνήστε μαζί μας μέσω της υπηρεσία διερμηνείας TIS στο 13 14 50. Όταν καλείτε αυτό τον αριθμό να δηλώσετε τη γλώσσα σας και ο τηλεφωνητής θα οργανώσει ένα διερμηνέα. Ζητήστε από το διερμηνέα να σας προωθήσει στο πρόσωπο που υπέγραψε την επιστολή.

Hazaragil/هزارگی

این یک پیام خیلی مهم است. اگر شمو نیاز به کمک در زبان خود را داشته باشید، لطفاً با ما از طریق خدمات ترجمانی TIS به شماره 13 14 50 تماس بگیرید. هنگامی که شمو به این شماره زنگ بزنید، زبان خود را یاد آور شوید و اپراتور بندوبست ترجمان را برای شمو میکند. از ترجمان بخواهید که شمو را به شخصی که این نامه را امضا کرده وصل / ترانسفر کند.

Khmer/ខ្មែរ

នេះគឺជាសារដ៏សំខាន់។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកត្រូវការជំនួយជាភាសារបស់លោកអ្នក សូមទាក់ទងមកយើងខ្ញុំតាមរយៈសេវាបកប្រែភាសានិយាយ TIS លេខ 13 14 50។ ពេលណាលោកអ្នកទូរស័ព្ទមកលេខនេះ សូមបញ្ជាក់ប្រាប់ភាសារបស់លោកអ្នក ហើយពេលនោះ អ្នកប្រតិបត្តិការនឹងរៀបចំអ្នកបកប្រែភាសាមួយរូបជូនលោកអ្នក។ សូមស្នើសុំអ្នកបកប្រែភាសា ឲ្យបញ្ជូនលោកអ្នកទៅកាន់បុគ្គលដែលបានចុះ ហត្ថលេខាលើលិខិតនេះ។

Serbian/Српски

Ово је важна порука. Ако вам треба помоћ на вашем језику, молимо вас да нам се јавите преко преводилачке службе TIS на 13 14 50. Када назовете тај број, реците ваш језик и оператор ће да организује услуге преводиоца. Реците преводиоцу да вас повеже са особом која је потписала писмо.

Turkish/Türkçe

Bu önemli bir duyurudur. Konuştuğunuz dilde yardıma gerek duymazınız durumunda lütfen TIS tercümanlık servisinin aracılığı ile bizi 13 14 50 numaralı telefondan arayın. Bu numarayı arayarak konuştuğunuz dili belirttiğinizde operatör size bir tercüman sağlayacaktır. Sizi, mektubu imzalayan kişiye bağlamasını tercümana bildiriniz.

Vietnamese/Tiếng Việt

Đây là một thông điệp quan trọng. Nếu quý vị cần được trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị, xin liên lạc với chúng tôi qua dịch vụ thông dịch của TIS ở số 13 14 50. Khi quý vị gọi số này, hãy nêu rõ ngôn ngữ của quý vị và nhân viên tổng đài sẽ thu xếp một thông dịch viên. Hãy yêu cầu thông dịch viên này chuyển quý vị tới người đã ký lá thư.

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In 2016/17 \$118 million was lost to gaming machines in 15 clubs and hotels in Greater Dandenong, equivalent to \$956 per adult, the highest rate of losses per adult in Victoria. Since the introduction of EGMs in Victoria in 1992 more than \$3 billion has been lost to machines in Greater Dandenong.

The density of gaming machines in this city is substantial with 956 gaming machines presently operating at venues within Greater Dandenong – the second highest number in any Melbourne municipality.

The impact of these high gambling losses and gaming machines density is aggravated by socioeconomic disadvantage in Greater Dandenong, a community with the lowest incomes, highest rate of unemployment and least favourable education outcomes in Melbourne.

Median individual gross incomes in Dandenong, of \$461 pw, documented in the 2016 Census, were just 68% of the metropolitan median income, while unemployment rates recorded at this time stood at 13.1% - nearly twice the corresponding metropolitan rate of 6.6%. Contemporary educational outcomes are also relatively unfavourable with 25% of young adults (aged 20-24 years) in Dandenong having left school before completing year 11 – three times the metropolitan level of 8.3%.

The addition of further machines at the Lynbrook Hotel exposes people employed in Dandenong South industrial precinct to an increased accessibility of gambling with 32% of the 39,000 persons employed in this precinct residing in the municipality of Casey.

These conditions of socioeconomic vulnerability, coupled with elevated gambling losses across the municipality, make the addition of further gaming machines in the vicinity of the residents and workers of Greater Dandenong a matter of concern for Council. The City of Greater Dandenong therefore opposes this application as residents and persons employed within the municipality may be adversely affected by its approval.

Yours sincerely



Martin Fidler
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