Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

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Signed: _____

Organisation Name: Silverstream Bowls and Petanque Club

Name: Aaron Wall - President

Phone or email: [redacted]

Submission on Class 4 Gaming and Board Venue Policy Review

My Details:

Andrea Hilton

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

I want to speak to my submission.

In summary I support option one and an element of option three.

1. Option 1-sinking lid
   a. Sinking lid policy introduced -*support*

   b. No new gaming machine licences granted- *support*

   c. No merger of venues – *support*

   d. Venue licences cannot be transferred to a new location- *support as long as the policy is written so that a venue can relocate from a low deprivation area to a low deprivation area in an attempt to bring Lower Hutt in line with the national average venue per capita figure.*

      I believe that it would be useful to include in the Policy that the Council will work to reduce the per capita figure in Lower Hutt from a time specified in the future by adjusting the sinking lid figure by a set percentage every three years while the Lower Hutt figure is above the national average.

   e. Establish council operational policy on C4 gaming machines in council owned buildings – remove machines when policy approved- *support*

   f. Establish council policy on gaming machine funds – do not apply for these funds- *support*

2. Option 2-Status Quo-**Do Not Support**

3. Option 3-Per Capita Approach- **Do Not Support as an option for the policy**
   Support the principle of taking steps to ensure that Lower Hutt's per capita figure matches the national average.

4. Suggestions
   a. That the Policy also includes the objective to bring Lower Hutt in line with the rest of the Country.
   b. That Lower Hutt is divided into districts for the purpose of the policy with a maximum number of machines per district.

c. That the sinking lid policy will apply across all districts.
d. That the restrictions on locations remain in the policy and an additional restriction is included. That a venue cannot be within a specified distance of an automatic teller (ATM). Canadian research has found that the closer a venue is to an ATM the more patronage it attracts.

5. Comments

a. Unfortunately, some people who gamble become addicted to gambling. They do not know when they first try it that this will be their fate, just as an alcoholic does not realise when taking their first drink that they will be addicted. An addicted gambler does not know when they put their first coin in the slot that they are taking the first step on their downward spiral.
b. The Local Government Act 2002 states that one of the purposes of a local government is to "*promote the social, economic …well-being of communities in the present and for the future".* This statement effectively puts an obligation on Hutt City council to act where it can control elements that can or could harm the well-being of the community. While the Council cannot stop class 4 gambling its policy can create a level of control.
c. Child poverty is of great concern in New Zealand and for the reasons outline below problem gambling will contribute to it. If the Council was to ignores this, it will be failing in its obligation to promote the social and economic wellbeing. The effects of child poverty last a lifetime and can lead to the problems described below in paragraph e.
d. Organisations that oppose any form of restriction on gambling have suggested that a sinking lid:
   - Is the Council being a nanny state, and
   - If venues are reduced gamblers will simply move to online gambling.
e. Addressing the "nanny state" argument. New Zealand has a long history of regulating activities or substances that could lead to harm of its society. For example, the sale and supply of alcohol, the sale and possession of drugs, domestic violence, ownership of guns and smoking. While these controls restrict the rights of individuals, they have a greater purpose including reducing crime, improving safety of society, reducing the financial burden on society, and protecting vulnerable people. The motivation involves a lot of factors and therefore, it is inaccurate to accuse the state of being a nanny in these areas. Accusing a council of being a nanny for introducing a sinking lid policy is unjustifiable on the same grounds.

   The Council's own social impact report identifies gambling as having a negative social impact. Therefore, the Council is obliged under the Local Government Act 2002 to do what it can to reduce the negative impact. These are set out in detail on page 3 of the NZIER report. The social cost of addiction is consistent across all forms of addiction including gambling.

   - Crime is committed to fund or hide the problem. A high percentage of individuals convicted of misappropriating funds are addicted to gambling.
   - Health issues that require support from New Zealand's health system.
   - Addiction is also linked to child poverty, an acknowledged issue in New Zealand.

- Gambling is also likely to contribute to domestic violence and therefore draw on the state and community resources necessary to deal with this issue.

The social and economic cost is substantial.

f. The second argument raised is that venue gamblers will resort to online gambling. I have not heard any organisations using this argument providing evidence to support it. The Social Impact report commissioned by Hutt City council stated that only 2.2% of gamblers gambled online. Another consideration is that gambling increases with access to gaming venues (KFL& A Public Health). Therefore, combining these two points it is arguable that class venue gambling is more of a risk.

   It is also possible that individuals residing in the highest deprivation areas do not have devices capable of hosting online gambling. If these individuals must travel further to gamble, they may not. This is an argument for reducing the number of machines in the highest deprivation areas.

   It is also possible that an individual may try class 4 gambling because it is available in their local bar or sports club. In other words, they get their first taste at a venue not online.

g. While organisations that have class 4 gambling licences provide donations to charities and community groups. The statistics show that those donations do not equal the money taken from those same communities. Simply the equations is:

   Donations + running costs < money invested by gamblers. The owners make significant money.

   This equation does not take into account the costs to the community.

   Bottom line the main reason organisations have class 4 gambling licences is and machines is they enable them to make money. If they did not make a significant profit, that it some cases props up another business, they would not bother. A bonus is that the donations they make help their marketing and image in society.

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Organisation Name: Swimming Wellington

Name: Angus Pashley

Phone or email: [redacted]

Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue submission

I received a survey brochure in my mailbox this week
I went online to do the survey and have seen it closed on 3 Nov.

I would like to know how Lower Hutt residents were supposed to have time to do the survey, or even how they were meant to know about it? I never received any timely notification of any type.

I would like to vote for a 'per capita approach'
Reducing the cap to 325 machines and 25 venues to align with national averages.

I see pokies as doing so much damage in the community as they are highly addictive.
Children suffer because of pokies and I would like to see them removed altogether.
They may give $ to the community but this is most often from the pockets of the lowest financial demographic in the community, the ones that need the most support to make good spending decisions for their families.

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Organisation Name: Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club

Name: Amy Sidford - General Manager

Phone or email: [redacted]

Jackie Sowry

From: CJ Downes
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 4:12 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Views on Gambling Policy

First, it is ridiculous to close off a pamphlet survey the day after the pamphlet is delivered to residents' mailboxes, requesting submissions of the pamphlet-based survey be "dropped off at a local library or community hub."

Did you really want consultation in the first place with this false approach? Why bother wasiting money on printing a pamphlet if the survey that pamphlet was supposed to be used for is closed the day after its physical delivery and the way offered to submit the survey is to physically deliver it to a particular location. Then when I get to the website, the "take the survey" link is closed but a limp statement that you can still have a say if you go to another email address, making genuine levels of consultation even lower.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE.
If there are ONLY three choices available then I believe a Sinking Lid option is the only socially, and ethically responsible action that the Council can take. You leave off the most relevant choice - issue no new licences, cancel existing licences.

In fact, gambling such as this is one of the most pernicious, destructive of activities particularly for families and individuals with few resources. Why, why would we ever support something that makes these families and individuals inevitably, inevitably poorer??????? Why are we investing thousands of dollars in financial management courses to help people get themselves out fo the financial holes that they have fallen into by playing on their fears and hopes falsely with gambling. Why are we a country which has one of the highest suicide rates in the world??? Why are we a country where anxiety is now the number 1 neurosis? Why, under these condition would a responsible Council support activities that only add to people's worries, stresses, as they throw dollars after dollars on the ridiculous hope that games are not rigged so that the company wins 99.9999% of the time.

The argument that gambling pays into community coffers. And why do they? Because they are buying off Councils - this is pure bribery; it is corruption, full stop.
It is no argument that gamblers will go elsewhere. Then so be it. But it will be more difficult for them if we don't make it easy for them to destroy their financial security, and that of their children.

Quite simply, gambling needs to be tossed out of our community as fast and as determinedly as possible.

Yours sincerely,
Cathy Downes

Jackie Sowry

From: Chris Ferguson <>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 5:17 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

Pokies in our community
I vote for sinking lid
I got my brochure in the mail today
10th November considering it closes today you certainly didn't allow much time for people to vote
I wonder how many people didn't even receive their brochure so they won't be able to vote
Very poor
I certainly hope my vote is counted

CLUBS NEW ZEALAND INC

Clubs New Zealand Submission – Hutt City Council Gambling Venue Policy Review

Introduction

Clubs New Zealand is the leading association for clubs in New Zealand. We represent more than 300 clubs around the country, including chartered clubs, community clubs, cosmopolitan clubs, workingmen's clubs, sports clubs, and returned services associations.

There are currently five clubs that operate gaming in Hutt City:

- Petone Working Men's Club & Literary Institute — 30 gaming machines
- Naenae Bowling Club — 12 gaming machines
- Te Aroha Hutt Valley Association — 10 gaming machines
- The Stokes Valley Memorial RSA — 7 gaming machines
- Wainuiomata Bowling Club — 5 gaming machines

Summary

Clubs New Zealand opposes the proposal to remove the 12 existing gaming machines from the Naenae Bowling Club (the proposal to remove gaming machines from Council-owned buildings).

Clubs New Zealand also opposes the adoption of a new gambling venue policy that prevents clubs from merging and prevents clubs from relocating. The status quo policy (option 2) should remain in place.

Targeting the Naenae Bowling Club

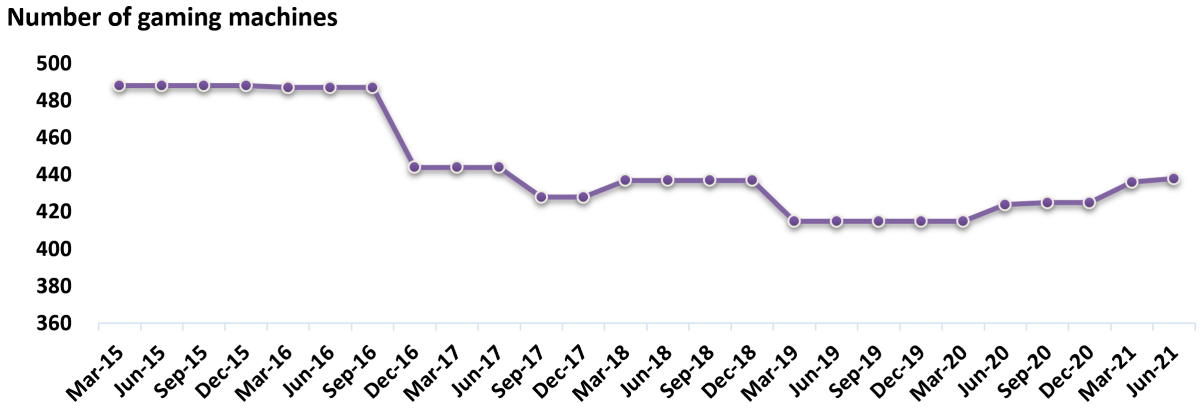
Hutt City has 29 gaming venues and 438 gaming machines. Council has sought to single out and target one gaming venue, the Naenae Bowling Club, with a modest 12 gaming machines, and proposes to require the club to remove its machines. The other 28 gaming venues and 426 gaming machines will not be negatively affected by the policy of removing gaming machines from Council-owned buildings.

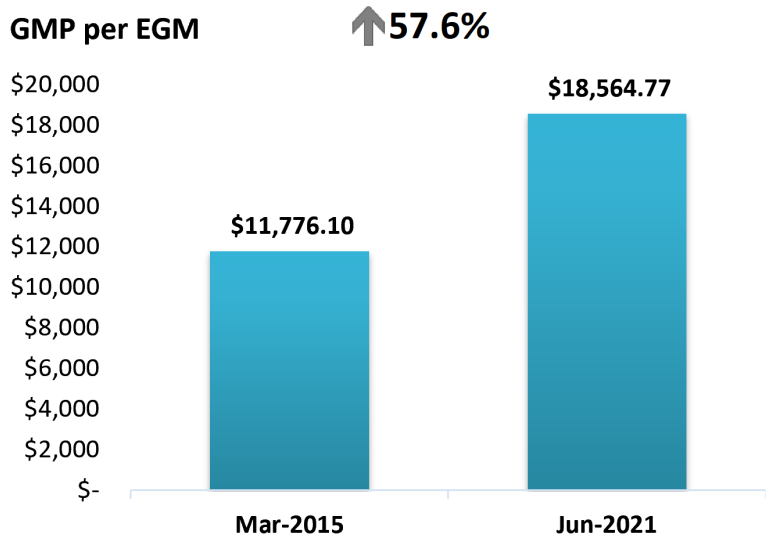
The proposal will see a club that has operated gaming machines in a compliant and safe manner for over 20 years, having an existing use right removed. Removal of an existing right to operate gaming machines has never been done before in New Zealand. In New Zealand we respect existing use rights. We understand that removing an existing right or entitlement, after a considerable sum of money has been spent in reliance on the right or entitlement (a gaming room typically costs over $300,000 to fit out), and after long-term planning and

financial decision making has been made based on the projected gaming revenue, is unjust, inequitable, and unfair. Removal of an existing use right amounts to confiscation.

Gaming machines provide a vital source of revenue for clubs. The machine revenue enables the club to maintain and upkeep its clubrooms and sporting grounds, and enables the club to meet ongoing operational costs such as rates, insurance, and electricity. The Naenae Bowling Club is no exception. The 12 machines that Council intends to remove generate around $90,000.00 a year for the club. The money is used to maintain the world-class facility and provide a warm, safe, and attractive place for social interaction in the heart of Naenae. The plain and simple fact is that without this gaming revenue, the club would have operational losses each year, and the facility would slowly move into a state of decline.

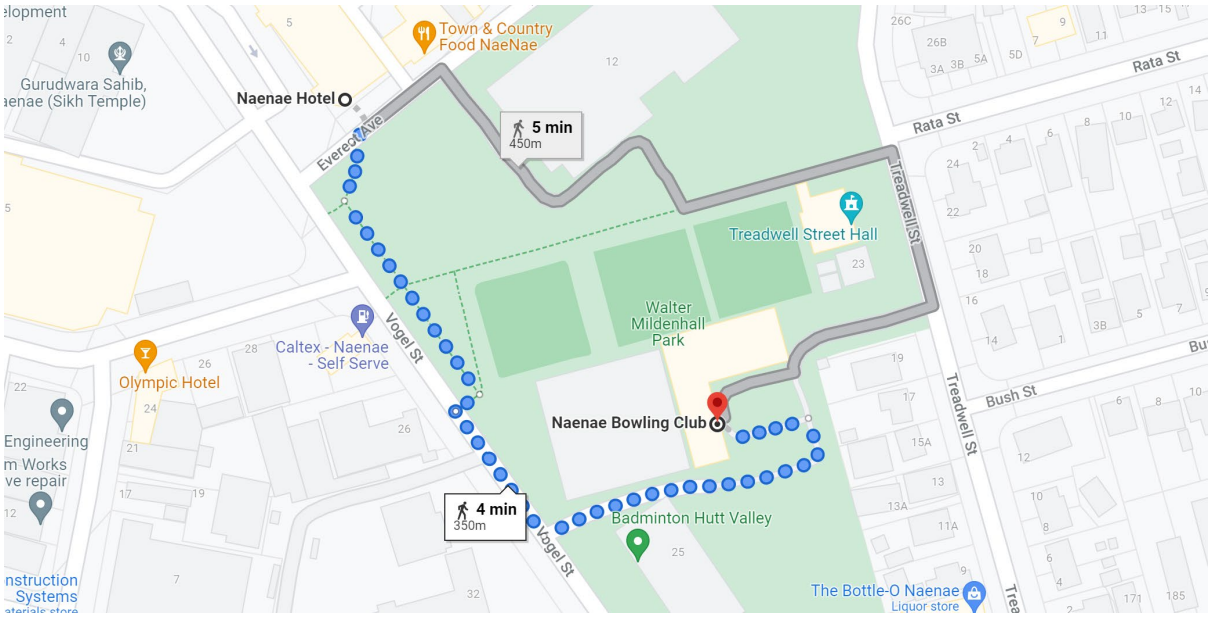
Removal of the gaming machines from the Naenae Bowling Club will not reduce problem gambling or gambling spend. Since 2015, 50 gaming machines have been removed from Hutt City. However, in the same period overall spend has not decreased. The amount spent per machine has increased from $11,776.10 to $18,565.77[1]:



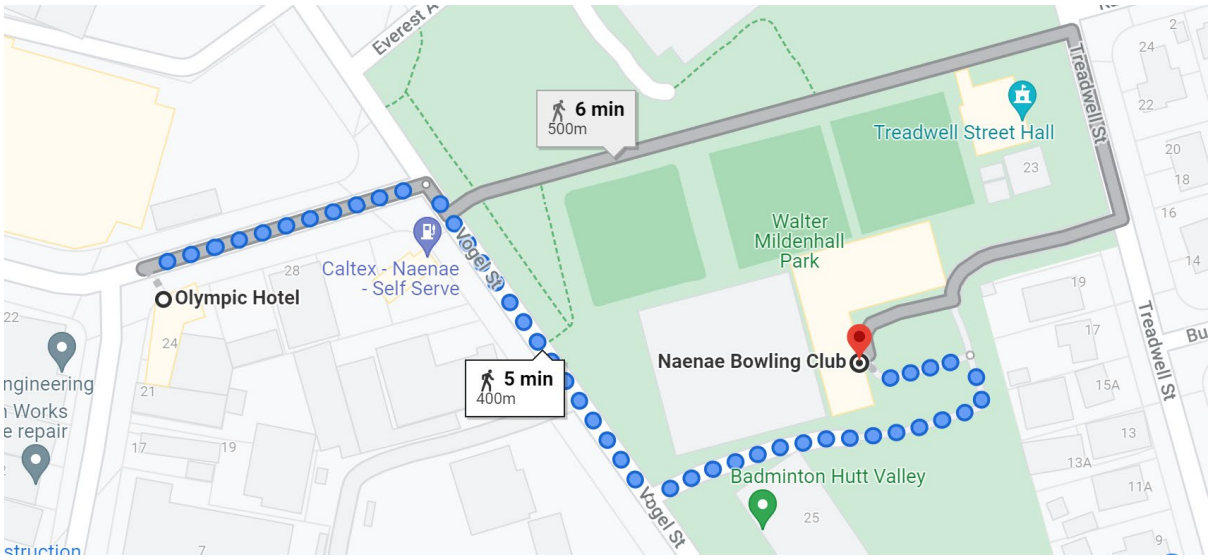


[1] https://catalogue.data.govt.nz/dataset/gaming-machine-profits-gmp-dashboard/resource/60081bcd-f2ae-4b97-8a9f-fe449fa59969

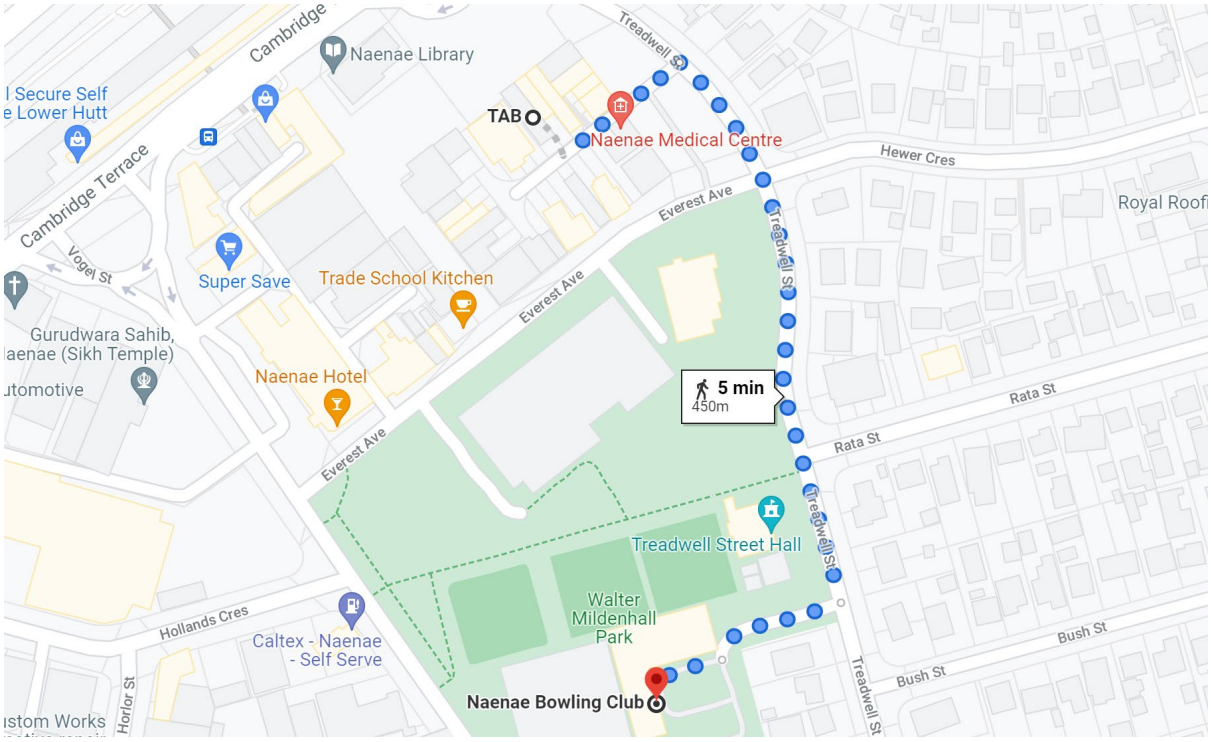
Removing the 12 gaming machines from the Naenae Bowling Club will simply result in the gambling spend moving to the other nearby venues. There are three high turnover gaming venues within a short walking distance of the Naenae Bowling Club:



Naenae Hotel – 350m away – a 4 minute walk – 18 gaming machines
The gaming machine proceeds are paid to Air Rescue Services, a Christchurch-based gaming society.



Olympic Hotel – 400m away – a 5 minute walk – 18 gaming machines
The gaming machine proceeds are paid to One Foundation, a Rotorua-based gaming society.



TAB Newtown – 450m away – a 5 minute walk – 9 gaming machines
The gaming machine proceeds are paid to TAB New Zealand.

Removing the gaming machines from the Naenae Bowling Club will result in the gambling spend taking place in a commercial hotel, pub, or TAB environment, as opposed to the club environment. This is counterproductive from a harm minimisation standpoint, as club venues are around seven times safer than commercial venues with regard to gambling.[2]

The culture that exists in clubs is one of care and protection of the club's members. Clubs are a central community facility; they provide a social focal point, and a safe and secure venue in which members can enjoy food, gaming, sports, and alcohol.

People who frequent the club are members of the club, and they become well known to staff. This makes it easier to identify a person who is gambling excessively and easier to approach that person to offer help and support. It is also easier to monitor player exclusion orders, as access to the club requires proof of membership, such as a swipe card system to enter.

Clubs New Zealand and its member clubs are dedicated to having in place industry-leading harm minimisation measures. For example, the ClubCare problem gambling harm minimisation programme is used by clubs throughout New Zealand. The ClubCare programme includes an industry-leading harm minimisation training package that was developed by Clubs New Zealand in conjunction with the Problem Gambling Foundation.

[2] Dr Philip Townshend- 2009 - Non-Casino Gambling Machines in Hotels and Clubs: Points of Difference

The ClubCare programme includes:

- A comprehensive host responsibility policy. The policy details how to identify a potential problem gambler and what steps need to be taken when a potential problem gambler is identified;

- A full complement of harm minimisation and host responsibility posters. The posters include statements such as "There is more to this club than pokies" and "You can't ignore the signs";

- Club-specific problem gambling brochures and booklets;

- A ClubCare wallet card;

- A venue education inspection checklist;

- An exclusion order pad;

- Gaming machine stickers that detail the free problem gambling support available;

- A dedicated, unique 0800 problem gambling helpline number for club members; and

- An online training course.

Removing the gaming machines from the Naenae Bowling Club will result in the gambling proceeds moving out of Hutt City and being used to benefit other communities. All the gaming proceeds from club venues are used to benefit the club's members, with the bulk of the proceeds being used on providing high-quality sporting and recreational facilities for the club members to enjoy. In contrast, the gaming societies that operate at commercial venues (such as the Christchurch and Rotorua-based gaming societies mentioned above) have no formal legal requirement to return the gaming proceeds back to Hutt City (the social impact report highlights this).

Club Gaming Proceeds

It is disappointing that the social impact assessment did not highlight how the funds generated at club venues are used and how 100% of this money remains local, benefiting the very same people who play the machines. The data is publicly available via the Incorporated Societies website or Friendly Societies website. Two examples are set out below.

In the year ended 31 March 2019, the Naenae Bowling Club made a profit of $87,766 from its gaming machines and used this money for maintenance of its greens, repairs and maintenance to the clubrooms, and electricity (along with other non-bar-related operational costs).

In the year ended 30 June 2021, the Petone Working Men's Club & Literary Institute (a friendly society) made a profit of $1,466,612.00 from its gaming machines and used this money for

the upkeep and running of the club including insurance, car park rental, rates ($109,222.00 paid to Hutt City Council) and repairs and maintenance of the club buildings. A total of $35,141.00 was used to assist the club's sporting adjuncts. A total of $17,936.00 was used to make external grants such as grants to Heartkids Wellington and Coastguard Wellington.

Club Mergers

It is a sign of the times that to survive, clubs must think outside the square, work smarter and consolidate their assets and equity. A number of clubs throughout New Zealand have carried out, or are in the process of carrying out, mergers or amalgamations with other clubs. This is creating better facilities for their members and more opportunities for clubs to support their communities.

The Gambling Act 2003 recognises that clubs offer a uniquely safe and secure gaming environment. Section 95 of the Gambling Act 2003 makes an express exemption for clubs from the general limits on gaming machine numbers. The Gambling Act 2003 permits a club venue to host up to 30 machines when two long-standing clubs with gaming machines merge and operate from one single venue. However, before the clubs can merge they first need to obtain territorial authority consent and then the consent of the Minister of Internal Affairs to proceed with the merger.

To date there have been approximately 15 club mergers.

Continuing to allow club mergers will not result in a large number of merger applications. To qualify for Ministerial consent, the clubs under section 95 must:

- Demonstrate a significant history of operating as a non-commercial club;
- Demonstrate a significant history of operating gaming machines;
- Operate from non-commercial premises; and
- Demonstrate that the merged club will have a substantial active membership.

The merger of two clubs is seen as a positive harm minimisation step. A merger results in:

- A reduction in gaming venues (from 2 to 1); and
- A large single venue, which can provide enhanced harm minimisation measures through specialisation and the concentration of dedicated resources.

The ability to merge and host up to 30 machines is limited only to clubs. Two commercial pubs cannot merge and increase their gaming machine numbers.

The vast majority of Councils in New Zealand permit club mergers. Both Auckland Council and Hamilton City Council have strict sinking lid policies. Both Councils do, however, still allow

club mergers, as this policy has been successful in encouraging clubs to merge, and therefore successful in reducing the overall number of gaming venues in the city.

Why Have Unique Provisions for Clubs?

It is appropriate to have specific provisions for clubs in the policy as these provisions mirror the provisions in the Gambling Act 2003. Further, different provisions for club venues are appropriate because clubs provide a very safe and secure gaming environment.

Relocation

The current relocation provisions were adopted after a full public consultation. There is no evidence to justify a change from the 2015 position. The provisions only allow venues in suburban areas to relocate to the CBD or business districts (a sensible and positive move).

The Gambling (Gambling Harm Reduction) Amendment Act 2013 amended sections 101 and 102 of the Gambling Act 2003. The amendments introduced the ability for venues to relocate and retain up to 18 gaming machines.

The current relocation provisions are positive:

- Venues can move out of unsuitable areas (residential areas) to more suitable areas (the CBD);
- Venues can move from large blocks of land that could be used for more productive purposes;
- Venues can re-establish after a natural disaster or fire;
- Venues can move out of earthquake-prone buildings;
- Venues can be re-established after loss of premises due to public works acquisition or lease termination;
- Venues can move if the landlord is demanding an above-market rental;
- Venues can move to new, modern, refurbished premises.

Allowing local businesses to upgrade their premises and provide a more modern, attractive offering helps to revitalise business districts, encourages tourism, and creates local employment. Not allowing relocation simply entrenches venues in old, unsuitable, and potentially earthquake-prone locations.

The existing relocation provisions contain a raft of safeguards to ensure that the relocation site is appropriate. These safeguards prevent venues being established close to schools, early childhood centres, kindergartens, places of worship, or community facilities, or residentially zoned land. The safeguards prevent gaming venues being located close to each other.

Conclusion

While Council is free to prohibit future gaming venues from being in Council-owned buildings, it should not intrude on existing use rights and seek to remove the gaming machines that have been operated by the Naenae Bowling Club for over two decades. The club has made major decisions based on the expected gaming machine income. The club is dependent on the gaming machine revenue to upkeep and maintain the fantastic facility it calls home. The removal of the machines will have no benefit. The removal will simply result in the gaming spend migrating to the other nearby venues which are not as well supervised and controlled, and where a greater proportion of the proceeds will leave Hutt City.

It is submitted that it is appropriate for Council's policy to continue to permit two clubs to merge and operate up to 30 machines at the merged site. A merger will see a reduction in overall venue numbers. A single dedicated venue will see greater specialisation and harm minimisation support.

It is also appropriate for Council to continue to allow venues to relocate. Allowing relocation enables venues to move out of residential areas, move out of earthquake-prone buildings, and to move to new, smaller, modern premises. Allowing relocation will enable venues to move from large blocks of land, which may be able to be used for more productive purposes. Retaining the relocation provisions enables clubs and other business owners to restore their clubrooms/business after a fire, flood, earthquake or public works acquisition.

Oral Hearing

Clubs New Zealand would like to speak to our written submission. Jarrod True will make the oral presentation on our behalf.

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Jackie Sowry

From: Craig Twort <>
Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 11:27 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pokies in Wainui

Hi.
Im a local. I use pokies from time to time.
I think like anything its up to free choice and there is no need for council to make decisions on whether they should be available or not.
otherwise you might as well say you can't have online shopping cause plenty of people overspend on that.
Stick to fixing amenities and infrastructure that are needed in the community. Thats the job of council not playing big brother on how people spend there leisure dollar.
Theres been enough business go out of Wainui already.
thanks
Craig Twort

Jackie Sowry

From: Dallas Serj <>
Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 6:22 AM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue

Kia Ora

On the leaflet dropped in my mailbox in Wainuiomata I selected the box titled 'Per capita approach' - I selected this because I believe 'Sinking lid' to be an extreme measure and though I encourage local government intervention on serious community breaking issues like gambling, drinking, smoking, climate etc I believe not granting any new licences then if a venue closes for more then 6 months not allowing it to reopen to be a large breach in private business functions.

In agreeing with the Per Capita approach I would also like to strongly suggest that the local council work a lot more closely and tighter with current established community groups/advocates that are attempting to fight to gamble especially and most prominently within Maori/Pasifika communities. Addiction is a very serious thing, it's nice to see the council taking an approach but I feel besides acknowledging current established anti groups it's also worth noting how much of this money funds community groups. If any action like Sinking Lid was taken it would surely lead to a serious hole for community funding reviews etc.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my consultation.
Dallas Serj

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Signed: Darren Sears on behalf of

Organisation Name: Hutt Valley Gymnastics Incorporated

Name: Darren Sears

Phone or email: [redacted]

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2 November 2021

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Private Bag 31-912
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To whom it may concern,

Subject: Hutt City Council – Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy: Statement of Proposal

Introduction:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy. After consideration of the Statement of Proposal, Cricket Wellington's preferred option is 2: Status Quo.

Overview:

What do you think about when you think of summer in New Zealand? Days at the beach, Tip Top ice-cream, BBQ's and potentially the sound of cheers from a six hit in backyard cricket or a great catch taken from a classic game of beach cricket? It is almost undeniable that summer elicits emotional connections to New Zealand's number one summer sport: cricket! From the beach to the backyard to the Cello Basin Reserve; cricket continues to grow in popularity, and it is our responsibility to ensure the game, and sport in general, remains accessible and affordable for all.

Cricket Wellington is the regional sports organisation for cricket in the greater Wellington region. We are tasked with creating outstanding cricket experiences for Wellingtonians, and we are proud to do so. Our clubs, our participants and our volunteers all rely on Cricket Wellington to administer the game and we, like our clubs, rely heavily on gaming funding to safeguard the future survival of cricket in our region.

There are currently 22 affiliated cricket clubs in the greater Wellington region with over 8,500 active participants, 230 umpires, 450 registered coaches and numerous volunteers forming the backbone of our vibrant cricketing community. The Hutt City Council is one of the local territorial representatives for Cricket Wellington and 8 of our affiliated clubs, as highlighted below:

Eastbourne Cricket Club	Hutt District Cricket Club
Naenae Old Boys Cricket Club	Northern Park Cricket Club
Petone-Riverside Cricket Club	Stokes Valley Cricket Club
Taita Cricket Club	Wainuiomata Cricket Club

Cricket Wellington and our member clubs are focussed on getting more people playing and loving cricket. We are driven to create a vibrant, integrated and participant focussed environment that inspires. During the 2020-21 season, we;

- delivered cricket programmes into 108 primary and secondary schools, with over 22,00 Rangatahi and Tamariki engaged
- engaged over 4,000 female participants in Yeah! Girls programmes, which resulted in a 30% increase in female participation
- developed and supported 95% of junior and youth team coaches through our coach education programme, with a 58% increase in registered female coaches
- engaged 230 new umpires in training for the first time
- grew male and female participation by 9.4% with a 6.7% increase in youth participation

As measured by our voice of participant survey (which we conduct annually at the end of each season), overall member satisfaction is improving. What was identified from the feedback, is that to enhance satisfaction, our participants would like to see the quality of facilities that they play on improved, and this requires significant financial investment.

Cricket Wellington receives 40% of our annual income from gaming trust funding. These grants directly fund the administration and delivery of community cricket in the region, including $51,000 on average per annum to pay for Hutt City Council Ground Fees. If there was an inability to access money generated via gaming machines, then the sustainability of cricket in the region would be seriously jeopardised and we would be forced to introduce a user pays system and increase affiliation fees, which will undoubtedly make the game too expensive to play and administer for many of our participants, facility users and clubs.

Our clubs also access funding for various projects, initiatives, and programmes to support costs associated to cricket which include balls, equipment, apparel, facility hire, ground hire, delivery programmes and coaching. Grant funding obtained by all clubs equated to $599,273 in 2020-21, with $222,537 received by clubs within the Hutt City Council region. There is no denying that this money is critical in supporting the survival and sustainability of club cricket in Wellington, especially as we continue to navigate the current global pandemic.

The impacts of Covid-19 have resulted in an increase of costs for all sports in the sector as we attempt to recover and ultimately survive. However, we have a responsibility to ensure that participation in sport remains affordable to ensure active recreation remains a significant part of our everyday lives and a key contributor to overall health and well-being. To achieve this, we need to work in partnership with the four Council's in our region to create an environment for sport that is affordable and accessible for everyone. Additionally, we need to protect the social capital created by the sporting sector and it needs to be acknowledged that sport is a vehicle for driving positive experiences and funding is critical for achieving this.

Our ability to service the game and our community cannot be achieved without the substantial amount of grant funding that our sport receives. We have a responsibility as supporters, fans, participants, administrators, partners and ultimately as guardians of the game, to protect the future of not only active participation in cricket, but in all sport. Therefore, Cricket Wellington is supportive of Option 2 – Status Quo.

The funding we receive from gaming grants creates real value for our entire cricket community in the Hutt City region. A reduction in funding would cripple our ability to deliver cricket in our community including participant

development and engagement opportunites through our delivery programmes for our Tamariki and Rangatahi, coach development and education, umpire training, volunteer support, facility quality and access, and administration support for clubs.

SUMMARY:

- Cricket Wellington is advocating for Option 2: Status Quo
- Support Letters from affiliated Cricket Wellington clubs in the Hutt City region are attached
- We will take the opportunity to speak to this submission

The time for change is not now. We need financial support more than ever and we need funding to be sustainable so that we can continue to deliver outstanding cricket experiences for the people of Wellington. We need the ongoing backing from Hutt City Council to protect the funding we so desperately require.

We thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Statement of Proposal.

Kind Regards,

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Liz Green [General Manager]
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SUBMISSION ON THE CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICY REVIEW. NOVEMBER 5TH 2021 DAWN MCKINLEY

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission on the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Review.

I would like to put forward my preferred approach of 'The Sinking Lid' option.

'Reducing the number of venues over time by not granting any new licences, not allowing the transfer of licences across locations, and once a venue is closed for more than 6 months not allowing it to reopen.'

I have personally witnessed the hardship and pain caused by harmful gambling. Those addicted to gambling suffer mentally, physically and it affects the wellbeing of the person, their families, friends, and the wider community.

Pokies or Gaming Machines are 3 time more addictive than other forms of gambling. Harmful side effects include, financial/debt, employment loss, relationship breakdowns, family harm, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, crime, mental health, and tragically suicide.

In Wainuiomata alone we have 66 machines, 18 in Eddy's Bar, 18 in the Fitzroy tavern, 16 in the Palliser, 5 in the bowling club and 9 in the TAB.
The sinking lid option would over time reduce the number in Wainuiomata and this year alone18 machines will go when The Fitzroy Tavern closes in December 2021. This is a huge reduction of 27%.

A perfect opportunity was recently missed when The Palliser relocated 16 machines to new premises and were able to renew their licence to enable them to operate. They did have 18 machines but could not fit them all in. Do these 2 machines get removed from the total figure?

In the financial year to June 2020 These machines took 4.8 million from our Wainuiomata community. There are 425 pokie machines in Lower Hutt yet 98 are in our poorest suburbs. 67% of these are in Wainuiomata.

I understand that community groups rely on grants from trusts and societies who derive their income from EGM Electronic Gaming Machines. If you asked them to weigh up the cost of a thriving community against the harm caused by problem gambling. I would hope they would vote in favour of the wellbeing approach and not wealth.

Very sadly only 1.5% of the income made from EGM's are paid in a problem gambling levy for problem gambling services. I appreciate this is a central government issue and needs to be addressed by the DIA. Maybe HCC could look at funding programmes under the wellbeing approach/ Healthy Families.

There should be no EGM's in any Hutt City Council venues as this does not fit the thriving community approach. Lower Hutt statistics are nothing to be proud of as we have 4 machines per 1000 capita compared to the rest of New Zealand at 2.9%. By adopting the sinking lid approach over time Hutt City will align with the current national average figures. Many councils over NZ have already adopted the sinking lid approach and I would like HCC to take this option seriously.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration
Kind regards
Dawn McKinley Wainuiomata Community Board and Resident of Wainuiomata.

Regional Public Health
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Better health for the greater Wellington region

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Tēnā koe

Re: Submission on Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy

Regional Public Health (RPH) is the public health unit for the greater Wellington region (Wairarapa, Hutt Valley and Capital & Coast District Health Boards). Our purpose is to improve and protect the health of the population in the greater Wellington region with a focus on achieving equity.

RPH would like to formally support Option 1 outlined in your Statement of Proposal. This adopts a wellbeing approach through a sinking lid policy and consists of:

- No new Class 4 licenses will be granted by the Hutt City Council
- Venues licences would not be allowed to be transferred to another location
- Once a venue is closed for more than 6 months, it cannot be reopened by another operator.

RPH commends Council for taking a public health approach in preventing and minimising gambling harm. We believe Option 1 is most likely to create significant, long-lasting and equitable contributions to the health of our people.

RPH recommends implementing this approach within a prompt time frame. Prolonging this process can increase inequities by further harming vulnerable communities who are disproportionately affected by gambling, namely Māori and Pasifika living in high deprivation neighbourhoods.

RPH understands the need to change the current policy which has contributed to the proliferation of gambling harm in the Hutt. Therefore, we do not see Option 2 as a tenable approach.

RPH notes Option 3 would only be partially tenable. Despite keeping funds available to local organisations in the medium-term, maintaining the ability to relocate gaming machine licenses is counterintuitive to reducing the accessibility of gambling, and therefore, to reducing gambling harm.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Nāku noa, nā

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3rd November 2021

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Re: Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Sailability Wellington Trust strongly supports option 2, the status quo policy, allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. We understand that a more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time.

Our trust believes that the current policy is appropriate because:

1. The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations.

2. The gaming machine funding enables local community, and particularly disability and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities than would otherwise be possible.

3. A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities, - particularly since the emergence of COVID-19.

4. Without gaming machine funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.

5. As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.

6. It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain times, I can attest that commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.

If a suitable time could be organised, I would like to speak at the oral hearing.

Having been involved in fundraising, for over 50 years, I'd like to explain in public the harm that was done in the methods used before gamily machines. I would like the public to understand that a 'vote for reduction' is not a vote for 'no harm'.

There always have been an amount of danger in all forms of gambling. Gaming machine operators seem to manage this better than many of the alternatives.

Yours faithfully,

Don Manning QSM
Trustee and CEO
Sailability Wellington Trust.

Submission to

Hutt City Council

on the proposed

Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy

November 2021

New Zealand Community Trust's submission on Hutt City Council's Gambling Venue Policy

Introduction
Established in 1998, New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) is one of New Zealand's largest gaming trusts with 13% market share. Our publicans raise funds by operating gaming lounges within their pubs, hotels and other venues. In the 12 months to 30 September 2021, NZCT approved **$44.7** million in grant funding to sporting, local government and community groups nationwide.

NZCT is a member of the Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand (GMANZ). We are aware of and endorse the submission provided by GMANZ.

NZCT's recommendations
NZCT supports option 2, the status quo policy

NZCT opposes the:
- introduction of a sinking lid; and
- removal of the ability for suburban venues to relocate to the CBD.

Gaming machine funding

The Gambling Act 2003 seeks to balance the potential harm from gambling against the benefits of using gaming machines as a mechanism for community fundraising.

NZCT provided to Hutt City for the benefit of the community from October 2018 to September 2021 a total of **$2.43** million across **247** worthy recipients.

A list of all the grants made during this time are attached as appendix 1.

NZCT's contribution to community funding reflects its venue numbers and the turnover of each of those venues. According to grant data compiled by KPMG as part of a joint project between the Department of Internal Affairs, Sport New Zealand and GMANZ, in 2019, **233** Hutt City community and sporting organisations received **$5.23 million** in grants. This was represented by **747** individual grants made by **10** gaming societies, including NZCT.

Executive summary

The current gambling venue policy has worked to date. Local gaming machine numbers have reduced by some 10% or 50 machines since the policy was put in place.

In 2019, 233 Hutt City community and sporting organisations received **$5,238,691** in grants from gaming funds. A further $1.6 m in national and regional grants awarded provided benefits to the local community. In addition, some $1.7 m funds were generated by clubs operating gaming machines and applied to authorized purposes.

NZCT provided to Hutt City for the benefit of the community from October 2018 to September 2021 a total of **$2.43** million across **247** worthy recipients.

Keeping the cap and allowing a relocation policy will ensure the millions continue to be granted to the local community.

The 2021 TDB Advisory report, Gambling in New Zealand: A National Wellbeing Analysis, found that gambling in New Zealand had a net positive wellbeing benefit of between **$1,740** million and **$2,160** million each year.

New Zealand has a very low problem gambling rate by international standards – at 0.2% of people aged 18 and over (approximately 8000 people nationally). According to the New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 4 (2015).

All gaming machine societies contribute to a problem gambling fund – which provides some $20 m per year to the Ministry of Health to support and treat gambling addiction.

Problem gamblers are currently supported using a range of measures. The controlled, class 4 environment is the best environment to reduce gambling harm to people and communities.

Information is freely available in the community to enable support and identify risks associated with gambling by members of the public, individuals at risk, staff at venues, and by loved ones.

Council gambling venue policies are critical to maintaining the infrastructure that allows community funding from gaming trusts to be sustainable long term. Sinking lid and no-relocation policies destroy this infrastructure. Councils need to take an informed and balanced approach to community benefit and potential harm from gambling.

A sinking lid is a blunt instrument that does little to address problem gambling and reduces community funding by removing the fundraising infrastructure (i.e., gaming machines within tightly controlled entertainment venues) over time. Problem gambling is a complex addiction.

A cap on gaming machine numbers and an effective relocation policy that allows venues to move out of deprived areas into the CBD is much fairer to the community and hospitality business owners, as well as helping address problem gambling.

If gaming venues are removed from the community, gamblers are more likely to move to the online environment where gambling is unregulated, unmonitored, and have no harm minimisation measures. Online gambling incentivises spending and returns nothing to benefit the New Zealand community. The controlled environment around class 4 is recognized as the safest place in which to enjoy gambling, whilst providing benefit back to the community.

In the year to June 2020, 48 Hutt City residents were assisted by problem gambling service providers. In addition to contributing some $1 million each year to the problem gambling levy NZCT

contributes an estimated $800,000 each year, to resources and initiatives that help minimise harm.

Research has shown that allowing gaming venues to relocate out of areas of high deprivation is more effective in reducing problem gambling.

Class 4 societies must distribute or apply 100% of profits to community authorised purposes. It's important to appreciate this a not-for-profit model.

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to explain why:

A sinking lid is the wrong choice for community wellbeing and detail how

- Problem Gamblers are supported
- Information is freely available
- The community must continue to have its voice and

Explains why relocation from suburban venues to the CBD is the right decision for increased and continued community good

A sinking lid is the wrong choice for community wellbeing

A sinking lid reduces funding within our local community and nationally.

The national picture - community organisations rely on pub gaming to survive
The purpose of the pub gaming sector is to raise funds for the community. Many community sports, arts, and other groups, including councils accept grants and may depend on pub gaming grants to survive. It is crucial that this fundraising system is sustainable long term.

Seventy-five percent of groups surveyed in 2012 indicated their organisation is moderately or totally reliant on gaming funding to support their core business. Fifty-five percent said there would be a high to extreme risk to their organisation and their core business if they did not receive this funding.[1] There is no evidence that this situation has changed for the better since then.

The reduction in gaming trust funding has had a negative impact on community organisations, with many organisations and activities ceasing to operate and others severely reduced in capacity and capability. Grassroots community organisations are struggling with few alternative sources for funding available to replace the loss of gaming funding. Voluntary organisations are increasingly reliant on nationwide public donation campaigns to stay afloat. The Covid-19 pandemic has only worsened this situation.

[1] Page iii, Community Funding Survey, Point Research 2012.

Locally in Hutt City

Hutt City organisations like these that have benefited from NZCT's grants over the last three years, may miss out in the future if less funding is available.

Grant #	Organisation	Hutt City
85901	Ignite Sport Trust	$100,000.00
79315	Hutt Valley High School	$85,000.00
79109	Autism NZ Inc	$80,000.00
85235	Lower Hutt City Association Football & Sports Club Inc	$51,000.00
86904	Pomare School	$50,000.00
76064	Te Omanga Hospice Trust	$50,000.00
87934	Hutt Valley Gymnastics Centre Inc	$43,500.00
85267	Heretaunga Boating Club Inc	$40,000.00
80500	Lower Hutt City Association Football & Sports Club Inc	$30,000.00
85220	Boulcotts Farm Heritage Golf Club Inc	$27,253.00
85916	Petone Football Club Inc	$27,000.00
88237	Naenae Youth Charitable Trust	$23,064.60
78989	Epuni School	$20,000.00
78347	Hutt Central School	$20,000.00
86423	Stop Out Sports Club Inc	$19,600.00
83606	Lower Hutt Floorball Club Inc	$15,985.00
87148	Avalon Rugby Football Club Inc	$15,000.00
85871	Fraser Park Sportsville Inc	$15,000.00
86142	Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	$15,000.00
86913	Waterloo School	$15,000.00
82715	Fraser Park Sportsville Inc	$15,000.00
80672	Naenae Youth Charitable Trust	$15,000.00
78306	Hutt City Kindergartens Association Inc	$15,000.00
77193	Hutt Valley Gymnastics Centre Inc	$14,655.00

91 cents of every dollar goes back to person gambling yet every year, the gaming trust sector raises around $294 million[2] for more than 9,700 worthwhile sports and community groups. The sector's contribution to the community through funding, in addition to the contribution to government revenue from GST, other taxes and levies, is acknowledged by central government.

We anticipate that the Government will regulate to require gaming societies to return at least 80% of the net proceeds they generate to the region where the funds were raised. This means communities that do not operate gaming machines will be unlikely to receive gaming grants and their local sports and community groups will suffer. NZCT already aims to return 92% of our funds locally.

This is a good reason to leave the caps as they are.

[2] *Grant Distribution Modelling*, KPMG, November 2020.

The pub gaming sector has already experienced a significant decline

During the last 18 years the pub gaming sector has experienced a significant decline, yet problem gambling has remained static. Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) statistics show that, between 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2021:

- the number of gaming venues reduced from 2,122 to 1,059 (a 50% reduction)[3]
- the number of gaming machines operating reduced from 25,221 to 14,704 (a 41.7% reduction)[4].

Council policies contribute to the decline in the pub gaming sector

One of the main contributors to the decline of the pub gaming sector is the inflexibility of council gambling policies, particularly those with sinking lids on gaming machine numbers and those that do not allow relocation of venues in a broad range of circumstances.

Such policies are based on the erroneous belief that limiting gaming machine numbers will limit problem gambling. In fact, despite the 41% reduction in gaming machine numbers during the past 17 years, New Zealand's problem gambling rate has remained consistently low as a percentage of the population. The 2015 New Zealand Gambling Study (the most recent) found the rate was 0.2% and the latest Health and Lifestyles Survey found it was 0.1%. The 2012 New Zealand Gambling Study concluded "…there has probably been no change in the prevalence of current problem and moderate-risk gambling since 2006."[5]

Online gambling is the unregulated threat to watch out for

The public has access to a growing number of overseas gambling websites where they can spend their entertainment dollar. These sites are highly accessible, even to minors, often offer inducements to keep players betting, and have no bet size restrictions or guaranteed return to players. They do not return any funds to the New Zealand community or the New Zealand Government and have no harm minimisation measures in place.

During the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020, 8% of gamblers gambled online for the first time and an additional 12% gambled online more than usual.[6]

Offshore-based online gambling poses considerable risks because it:

- Is highly accessible, being available 24 hours a day from the privacy of your home;
- Has no restrictions on bet sizes;
- Has no capacity for venue staff to observe and assist people in trouble;
- Reaches new groups of people who may be vulnerable to the medium;
- Provides no guaranteed return to players;
- Is more easily abused by minors;
- Has reduced protections to prevent fraud, money laundering or unfair gambling practices; and is unregulated, so on-line gamblers are often encouraged to gamble more by being offered inducements or by being offered the opportunity to gamble on credit. For example, many overseas sites offer sizable cash bonuses to a customer's account for each friend that they induce to also open an account and deposit funds.

Offshore-based online gambling does not generate any community funding for New Zealanders, does not generate any tax revenue for the New Zealand Government, and does not make any contribution to the New Zealand health and treatment services as no contribution is made to the problem gambling levy[6b].

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[3] DIA statistics: https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Summary-of-Venues-and-Numbers-by-Territorial-AuthorityDistrict

[4] Ibid.

[5] Page 7, *New Zealand 2012 Gambling Study: Gambling harm and problem gambling*.

[6] Impact on Covid-19: Topline results, April 17, 2020, Health Promotion Agency

Relocation from suburban venues to the CBD is the right decision for increased and continued community good

In September 2013, Parliament recognised the merit in enabling venues to relocate, and expressly amended the Gambling Act 2003 to enable venues to relocate and retain the same number of machines when a relocation consent was obtained.

Venue relocation is a harm minimisation tool. Venue relocation allows venues to move out of a suburban/residential area to a more suitable area; the CBD. There is no good policy reason for taking steps to remove this option. Removing the option to relocate simply entrenches venues in undesirable residential locations.

The proposal to restrict the relocation provision is directly contrary to what was approved by council in 2015 after a full public consultation process. There is no new evidence or data to justify a policy change.

The proposal to remove the relocation provision is contrary to the national trend. Over the last three years, almost all other councils that have reviewed their gambling venue policy have adopted some form of relocation provision. Currently, approximately 55 councils have a relocation policy in place.

Enabling relocation permits venues to re-establish after a natural disaster or fire.

Enabling relocation enables venues to move out of earthquake-prone buildings, an important Health and Safety consideration.

Enabling relocation allows venues to move away from large premises, with large car parking areas, where such land may be better used for affordable high-density housing.

A broad relocation policy is positive as it assists with the revitalisation of the city. It allows gaming venues to move to new, modern, refurbished premises. Allowing local businesses to upgrade their premises and provide a more modern, attractive offering.

Location of gaming machines is more important than their number

Research[7] suggests that when it comes to preventing and minimising gambling harm, the location of gaming machines is more important than the number of gaming machines operating. The Government acknowledged this point in 2013 when it amended the Gambling Act[8] to require local authorities to consider adding relocation clauses to their gambling policies.

As well as harm minimisation benefits from allowing venues to relocate out of areas of high deprivation, relocation clauses provide sensible options for business owners who are otherwise at the mercy of building owners who know they have captive tenants. Relocation clauses also give councils more flexibility for re-zoning and city planning.

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[7] *Brief Literature Review to Summarise the Social Impacts of Gaming Machines and TAB Gambling in Auckland*, Gambling & Addictions Research Centre, AUT University, 2012.
[8] Section 97A and 102(5A).
6b http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Online_gambling_Cabinet_paper.pdf

Why allowing relocations is important

Helping reduce harm

Research[9] by Auckland University of Technology shows that problem gambling behaviour is influenced more by the distance to the nearest gambling venue, rather than the number of gambling venues within walking distance.

The Ministry of Health's 2013 Gambling Resource for Local Government acknowledges this point and states that one of the major factors associated with increased prevalence of problem gambling is "location and/or density of gambling venues and machines".[10] The Ministry of Health also found "being a problem gambler is significantly associated with living closer to gambling venues."[11] Allowing gaming operations to move out of high-deprivation areas could potentially diminish gambling harm for at-risk communities.

Supporting local hospitality businesses

Relocation clauses help ensure the continual improvement and growth of your local hospitality sector. Rather than tying gaming operations to a physical address, which may over time become a less desirable location, relocations allow gaming operators to move their business to more suitable premises. This is particularly important if premises are deemed unsafe or unusable for a lengthy period, such as after a fire or earthquake. The result is attractive and safe entertainment environments in your community.

Responding to future demand

Broad relocation clauses help gambling venue policies accommodate urban growth, re-zoning changes or changes in population demographics. This is not possible while gambling machine entitlements are linked to a physical address.

The DIA recommended relocation policies as a way of allowing territorial authorities to future-proof their class 4 gambling policies.[12]

Gaming machines can only be played in strictly controlled environments

Corporate societies licensed to conduct class 4 gambling are fully aware of their obligations under the Gambling Act 2003. All gaming rooms are operated by trained staff at licensed venues.

The DIA is responsible for monitoring the class 4 gambling industry, including venue 'key persons', bar staff and societies, to ensure they adhere to legislative requirements. The penalties for non-compliance include fines, suspensions, loss of operating or venue licence and potential criminal charges.

Facial recognition

There are some venues in Hutt City that have facial recognition installed to assist with the monitoring and enforcement of exclusion orders. Venue staff have the ability to issue exclusion orders to persons who are showing signs of problem gambling. Gamblers can also elect to self-exclude. An exclusion order is similar to a trespass order, in that it makes it illegal for the person to re-enter the gaming room for a set period of up to two years.

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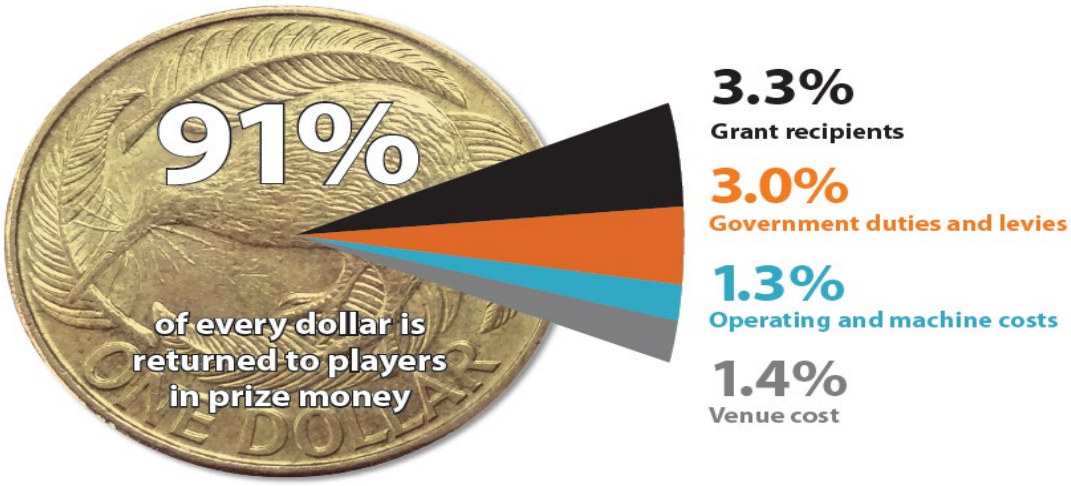
[9] *Brief Literature Review to Summarise the Social Impacts of Gaming Machines and TAB Gambling in Auckland*, Gambling & Addictions Research Centre, AUT University, 2012.
[10] Page 21, *Ministry of Health Gambling Resource for Local Government*, 2013.
[11] Ibid.
[12] *Internal Affairs Policy Briefing 3: Options for improving territorial authority gaming machine policies*, 28 March 2013.

Pub gaming's vital support for the community

In most countries, gambling is purely for commercial gain. New Zealand is different. We are one of the few countries with a community-focused model for pub gaming, where the proceeds are returned to the community instead of the private sector.

NZCT's revenue distribution in 2020/21



In the year ending 30 September 2021, NZCT approved $44.70 million through 1,921 grants.

In the year to 30 September 2021, NZCT approved $603,601.81 through 42 grants that had a direct benefit to Hutt City residents (see appendix 1 for details). Most of this was for amateur sporting purposes, as per our trust deed. However, we also funded resources and equipment for the Lower Hutt Playcentre, for Heat Pumps and Point Howard Playcentre for Bark chips.

Amateur sport has traditionally been our focus, and between 75 and 80% of the grants we distribute go to sports organisations. Each year, NZCT funds around 50 different sports.

In 2020/21, we funded the equivalent of:

- uniforms for 49,998 rugby teams (one uniform costs $60), or
- 2,999,867 footballs (one football costs $15), or
- 5,625 four-person waka (one waka costs $8,000), or
- more than 2.25 million hours – or 256.8 years – of coaching (one hour of coaching costs $20), or
- 30 artificial playing fields (one field costs $1.5 million).

To raise this much money themselves, our grant recipients would have had to:

- cook and sell more than 22.4 million $2 sausages at sausage sizzles and every person in New Zealand would need to buy and eat five sausages, or
- sell five $2 raffle tickets to every man, woman and child in New Zealand each year, or
- wash more than 8.9 million cars at $5 a wash, which would take 10 people continuously washing cars for 30 minutes around 50 years to achieve.

Grants distributed by gaming machine trusts were 10% of the total philanthropic funding to the community and voluntary sector in 2011 and were at almost twice the level given by New Zealand businesses. In 2019, the amount of funds returned to the community from non-casino, non-club gaming grants was $294 million.[13] Class 4 gaming societies are required to distribute a minimum return of 40% to the community, on top of government fees, levies and GST, site rental, and machine and operating costs (see the chart on the next page showing NZCT's revenue distribution for the 2018/19 reporting period).

Each year the gambling industry pays circa $18 to $20 million to the government, so the Ministry of Health can implement its Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm Strategic Plan. These funds pay for the implementation of public health services, intervention services, research, evaluation and workforce development.

Pub gaming is tightly regulated and no more than 16% of gaming proceeds can be paid to gaming venue operators to cover site rental, including staff costs and business overheads relating to the gambling operation.

Reasons to maintain the current policy on gaming machines and venues

Gaming machines are an important component of your local hospitality sector and an important source of community funding, and the benefits are considerable.

Local hospitality sector
Businesses that host gaming machines are typically pubs and hotels. Gaming machine venues contribute to your local economy by employing staff and providing hospitality options for residents and tourists.

Community funding
Around $294 million is returned to the community every year through grants awarded by class 4 gaming societies. Many community organisations, such as sports clubs, hospices, rescue services and arts groups, would struggle or cease to function without this funding. There is currently no sustainable alternative to this funding to the level provided by gaming societies.

Class 4 gaming societies have probity processes we go through with every grant application to ensure the applicant is authentic and able to deliver the outcomes detailed in their grant application, and that any goods or services to be paid for by the grant are at arm's length and free from any conflicts of interest.

The benefits are considerable
Recent research in 2021 carried out independently by TBD who produced the TBD Advisory report, Gambling in New Zealand: A National Wellbeing Analysis[8], found that gambling in New Zealand had a net positive wellbeing benefit totalling around $1.7 to $2.1 billion per annum. The costs and benefits are summarised in table, which can be found on page 87 of the report (replicated below)[7b]

Table 32: Quantifiable costs and benefits of gambling in New Zealand, p.a., $ million,

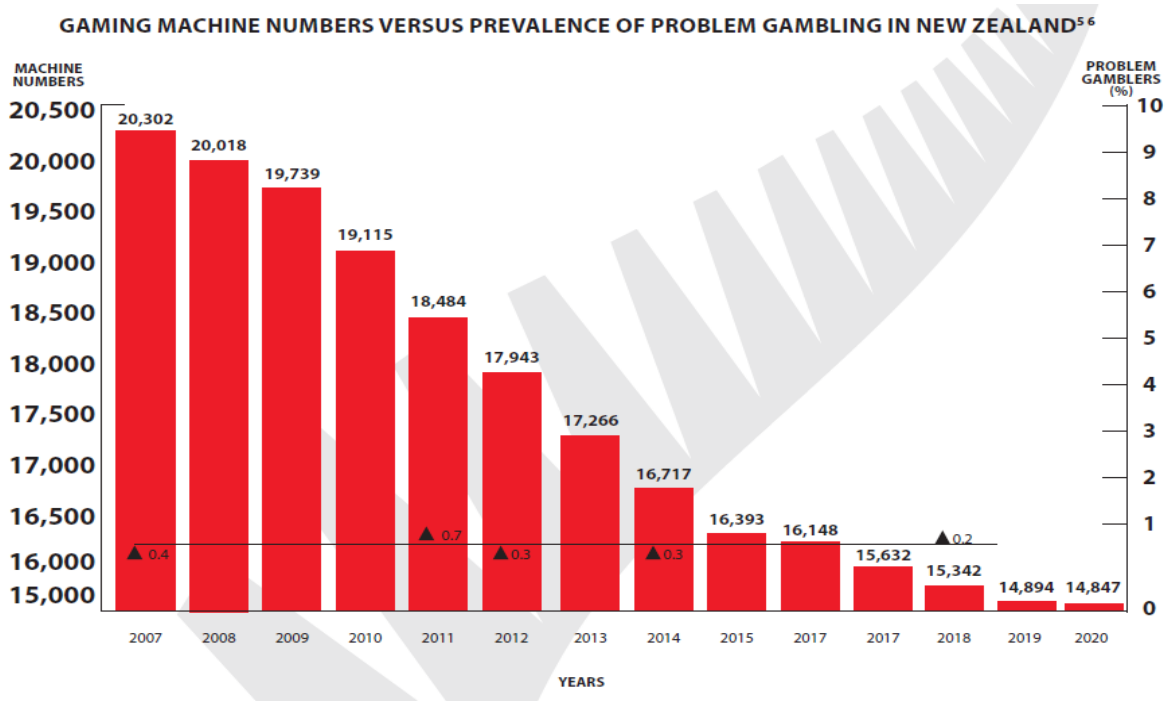
	Gross benefits	Costs	Net benefits
Consumption-side	2,740 to 3,160	2,090	650 to 1,070
Production-side	1,800	990	810
Government	280	-	280
Total	4,820 to 5,240	3,080	1,740 to 2,160

[13] *Grant Distribution Modelling*, KPMG, November 2020.

The report for the first time reliably indicates benefits, as well as costs and shows that this net benefit is provided each year throughout New Zealand.

Gaming machine numbers have little effect on problem gambling numbers

It is naïve, misleading, and wrong to assume that fewer gaming machines will result in fewer problem gamblers. A gambling addiction is a complex psychological condition, which is influenced by many factors and usually has co-morbidities, such as mental health issues and other addictions. As shown in the graph below, a reduction of almost 6,000 gaming machines across the country between 2007 and 2019 had no impact on the small percentage of problem gamblers nationally.



Note: In the 2006/07 Ministry of Health NZ Health Survey, 0.4% of the population were categorised as problem gamblers using the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI). In the 2010 Health and Lifestyles Survey, the rate increased to 0.7%. In the preliminary findings from the 2012 New Zealand Health Survey, the rate was 0.3% of the population, but the 2012 New Zealand Gambling Study found the rate was 0.7% of people aged 18 years and over. The 2015 wave of the New Zealand Gambling Study found the rate was 0.2% and the 2016 Health and Lifestyles Survey found it was 0.1%.
7b https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gambling_in_New_Zealand.pdf

Gaming machines are a legal and valid entertainment choice

Pub gaming is a legal, valid, and enjoyable source of entertainment for Hutt residents and tourists alike. Most players regard gaming as light entertainment and know when to stop. The Gambling Commission has reminded councils and the regulator that "… conditions can only properly be imposed if they reduce the harm caused by problem gambling, as distinct from simply reducing gambling activity which is a lawful and permitted activity under the Act."[14]

We recognise that Hutt City Council aims, through its Long-term Plan, to balance the needs of visitors and residents while achieving a focus on wellbeing / Ora and economic development. If appropriate measures remain in place to support problem gambling, then the millions should remain in the community for the good it will bring. We support this objective and believe a vibrant hospitality sector is a vital part of achieving this outcome.

[14] Gambling Commission decision GC 03/07.

Pub gaming brings many benefits to New Zealand. Business and Economic Research Ltd (BERL)[15] calculated in 2015 that each year the entertainment value to recreational players was around $250 million, the grants value to the community was also around $250 million (now $294 million), and the Government revenue value in the form of tax, duties and levies was around $279 million.

Problem gambling rates have plateaued

The New Zealand 2012 National Gambling Study found that the number of people who regularly participate in continuous forms of gambling, like gaming machines, decreased from 18% in 1991 to 6% in 2012.[16] The study concluded: "Problem gambling and related harms probably reduced significantly during the 1990s but have remained at about the same level despite reductions in non-casino EGM [electronic gaming machine] numbers and the expansion of regulatory, public health and treatment measures."[17]

The 2016 National Gambling Study (the most recent) found the problem gambling rate was 0.2% and concluded: "From 2012 to 2015, overall gambling participation has declined whilst problem gambling and low-risk and moderate-risk gambling levels have remained static. This poses a public health challenge of identifying the factors to explain the persistence of harm despite declining gambling participation. One reason may be a high relapse rate [66%]."

The 2016 Health and Lifestyles Survey states that "In 2016, 3.1% of New Zealand adults 18 years and over had experienced an occasion when they had gambled more than intended, but this proportion has been dropping steadily since 2006/07 when it was 11%."

It also states that the current problem gambling rate has now dropped to an all-time low of 0.1% of the adult population (around 7,500 people), despite an upward trend in gaming machine expenditure.[18]

Problem gambling rates in New Zealand are relatively low

NZCT is committed to reducing and minimising the harm that can be caused by gambling. As can be seen in the table, New Zealand has one of the lowest rates of problem gambling in the world.[19] Relatively few New Zealanders are gambling at levels that lead to negative consequences; most people who gamble know when to stop.

Country	Problem gambling prevalence (% population*)
New Zealand	0.1–0.2
UK	0.7
Norway	0.7
Australia	2.3
USA	2.6
Canada	3
Mixture of CPGI, PGSI and SOGS scores[20]	

[15] *Maximising the benefits to communities from New Zealand's Community Gaming Model*, BERL, February 2013.
[16] Pg 8, *NZ 2012 National Gambling Study: Overview and gambling participation*.
[17] Pg 18, ibid.
[18] DIA media release: http://livenews.co.nz/2017/04/21/new-zealand-gaming-pokie-spending-patterns-continue/
[19] *Maximising the benefits to communities from New Zealand's community gaming model*, BERL, February 2013.
[20] A range of different measurements are available to measure problem gambling rates. CPGI refers to the Canadian Problem Gambling Index, PGSI is the Problem Gambling Severity Index and SOGS is the South Oaks Gambling Screen.

Strict harm minimisation obligations

A key purpose of the Gambling Act is to prevent and minimise the harm that can be caused by gambling, including problem gambling. To that end, in all class 4 gambling venues:

- stake and prize money are limited
- odds of winning must be displayed
- gaming rooms are restricted to people over the age of 18 years
- gaming rooms can only be operated in adult environments, such as pubs, nightclubs and clubs
- play is interrupted every 30 minutes with an update on how long the player has been at the machine, how much money they've spent, and their net wins and losses
- $50 and $100 notes are not accepted
- no ATMs are allowed in licensed gambling areas
- gaming advertising is prohibited
- the DIA monitors every gaming machine's takings
- syndicated play is prohibited
- all venues must have staff trained in gambling harm minimisation on duty whenever gaming machines are operating
- all venues must have a gambling harm minimisation policy in place
- all venues must display pamphlets and signs directing gamblers to help services
- venue staff must be able to issue and enforce Exclusion Orders
- venue staff must help problem gamblers if they have an ongoing concern about them.

Ongoing obligations

The Gambling Act obliges venue staff to provide ongoing help to a potential or current problem gambler. Offering help once, and then ignoring continued warning signs, is not sufficient.

A venue is automatically in breach of the law if an excluded person enters the gambling area. Venues must be able to show they have robust systems and processes in place that restrict excluded people from entering.

Training

NZCT provides face-to-face and online problem gambling training to staff at each of its gaming venues and trains over 500 staff a year.

Trainers deliver a presentation on problem gambling and take staff members through each part of the problem gambling resource kit in detail. Venue staff also work through an online training tool, which includes an assessment that they must pass. Refresher training is provided annually. Gaming venues are continually reminded of their obligation to ensure a person trained in harm minimisation is always on duty when gaming machines are operating.

Support is available for problem gamblers

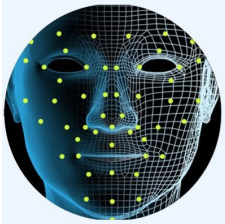
Each year the gambling industry pays circa $18 - 20 million to the government in the form of a problem gambling levy, so the Ministry of Health can implement its Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm Strategic Plan (PMGH). These funds pay for the implementation of public health services, intervention services, research, evaluation and workforce development.

Harm minimisation activities

Gaming trusts take legal obligations very seriously, none more so than those around minimising the harm that can be caused by gambling. To meet our harm prevention and minimisation requirements, NZCT provides a problem gambling resource kit to each of its gaming venues. The kit includes:

- NZCT's Harm Prevention and Minimisation Policy
- a plain language harm prevention and minimisation manual and policy guide
- exclusion orders and guidance on the exclusion order process
- a pad of gambling host responsibility record sheets to record any problem gambling issues and action taken by staff
- signage, pamphlets and other problem gambling resources.

In addition to this toolkit, increasingly facial recognition technology is used to identify problem gamblers and assist them to be excluded. NZCT has strongly recommended to the Ministry of Health on the proposed Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm 2022/23 to 2024/25 that this technology be rolled out further as part of problem gambling harm minimisation work underway.



The Guardian - Facial Recognition System

A fully integrated, market-leading system that identifies excluded persons as they enter a gaming room, by matching them against a centralised database.

Three short videos showing how the facial recognition system works can be viewed at: https://www.coms.net.nz/the-guardian-facial-recognition/

NZCT also provides all its gaming venues with the Health Promotion Agency's harm minimisation signs to display in and around the gaming area, wallet cards with information for potential problem gamblers and host responsibility resources for staff.

Two of the findings from the inaugural PMGH baseline report were that problem gambling services are effectively raising awareness about the harm from gambling, and interventions for gambling-related harm are moderately accessible, highly responsive and moderate to highly effective.[21]

The world's largest clinical trial[22] for problem gambling treatment found that, one year after calling the Gambling Helpline, three-quarters of callers had quit or significantly reduced their gambling.

[21] Page 16, *Outcomes Framework for Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm Baseline Report*, May 2013.
[22] *The Effectiveness of Problem Gambling Brief Telephone Interventions*, AUT, Gambling & Addictions Research Centre.

About NZCT

Established in 1998, New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) is the one of the largest gaming trusts with 13% market share, operating in venues and communities throughout New Zealand. In the 12 months to 30 September 2021, NZCT approved $44.70 million in grant funding to sporting, local government and community groups nationwide.

NZCT's Board, Regional Advisory Committees and management take risk mitigation and assurance seriously and our risk framework recognises the need for effective controls and mitigation tools/strategies to prevent and minimise harm from problem gambling.

While most New Zealanders gamble without experiencing any harm, a small minority who participate suffer some degree of harm and the impacts for them and people affected by their gambling, can be significant.

NZCT contributes through the problem gambling levy approximately $1 million per annum to the collective annual levy of $18-20 million. That is a significant amount, on top of an estimated $800 thousand which NZCT expends within the organisation each year, on training, resourcing, and technology, such as facial recognition technology (FRT), directed to identifying and mitigating problem gambling in our venues. We have a strong interest in seeing the levy spent effectively.

Over the last 10 years, the Ministry of Health has received more than $186 million in funding from the four gambling sectors that contribute to the annual levy.

In that period, it appears the problem gambling rate has not reduced, and the key objectives of the strategy have not been met, as confirmed by the damning Needs Assessment Report.

We have twin goals of serving both our publicans and the communities in which they operate. At least 75% to 80% of the funds we currently distribute are directed towards sports activities, making NZCT the largest funder of amateur sports participation in New Zealand. We focus on sport because of the many positive benefits it offers communities, such as:

- crime reduction and community safety
- economic impact and regeneration of local communities
- education and lifelong learning
- participation
- physical fitness and health
- psychological health and wellbeing
- social capital and cohesion.[23]

Overseas research[24] has found participation in sport can lead to increased health and productivity for individuals, and increased wealth or wellbeing of society. While amateur sport is our main focus, we are also strong supporters of other worthy community activities, including local government projects.

[23] Sport England's Value of Sport Monitor.
[24] http://www.ausport.gov.au/information/asc_research/publications/value_of_sport.

Further information about our submission

For further information, or if you have any questions about NZCT's submission, contact Don Martin, Communications and Marketing Manager on don.martin@nzct.org.nz

NZCT would like to present in support of this submission when public hearings are held.

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Grants to Hutt City by NZCT - October 2018 to September 2021

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	Total grants	*Total %*
Totals October 2018 to September 2021	**$2,438,943.38**	100%
Grants Direct to Hutt City	**$1,159,299.23**	48%
Grants to regional and multi-regional organisations that benefit Hutt City	**$1,197,121.08**	49%
Grants to national organisations that benefit Hutt City	**$82,523.07**	3%
October 2020 to September 2021		
Grants Direct to Hutt City	$603,601.81	25%
Grants to regional and multi-regional organisations that benefit Hutt City	$527,873.89	22%
Grants to national organisations that benefit Hutt City	$44,855.60	2%
	$1,176,331.30	48%
October 2019 to September 2020		
Grants Direct to Hutt City	$163,313.81	7%
Grants to regional and multi-regional organisations that benefit Hutt City	$307,322.48	13%
Grants to national organisations that benefit Hutt City	$20,887.82	1%
	$491,524.11	20%
October 2018 to September 2019		
Grants Direct to Hutt City	$392,383.61	16%
Grants to regional and multi-regional organisations that benefit Hutt City	$361,924.71	15%
Grants to national organisations that benefit Hutt City	$16,779.65	1%
	$771,087.97	32%

Grants to Hutt City - October 2018 to September 2021

Grant #	Organisation	Total Amount Approved	Amount drawn from Hutt City	Date of Approval	Purpose
October 2020 to September 2021					
87148	Avalon Rugby Football Club Inc	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	18/05/2021	Uniforms and equipment
89385	Avalon Tennis Club Inc	$4,876.00	$4,876.00	21/09/2021	Tennis coaching
84813	Boulcott School	$1,600.00	$1,600.00	15/12/2020	Sports equipment
85220	Boulcotts Farm Heritage Golf Club Inc	$27,253.00	$27,253.00	15/12/2020	Fertiliser and weed control; Salary - Course Manager from 1 February 2021 (excluding benefits/allowances)
85871	Fraser Park Sportsville Inc	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	23/02/2021	Salary
85267	Heretaunga Boating Club Inc	$40,000.00	$40,000.00	19/01/2021	Replacement of clubhouse roof
84322	Hutt Central School	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	17/11/2020	Shade sails
87606	Hutt City Squash Inc	$3,120.00	$3,120.00	22/06/2021	Junior coaching fees (from 22 June 2021)
84054	Hutt City United Softball Club Inc	$6,483.73	$6,483.73	20/10/2020	Training and playing equipment; Uniforms
86589	Hutt District Cricket Club Inc	$3,800.00	$3,800.00	18/05/2021	Contractor
88500	Hutt District Cricket Club Inc	$6,000.00	$6,000.00	2/09/2021	Contractor
88905	Hutt Old Boys Marist Rugby Football Club Inc	$7,000.00	$7,000.00	21/09/2021	Clubroom flooring replacement
85695	Hutt Old Boys Marist Rugby Football Club Inc	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	23/02/2021	Travel and accommodation
87349	Hutt United Hockey Club Inc	$2,570.82	$2,570.82	18/05/2021	Turf hire fees
84763	Hutt Valley Badminton Sub-Association Inc	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	23/02/2021	Salary - Shuttletime Officer; Salary - Development Officer
84975	Hutt Valley Baseball Club Inc	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	15/12/2020	Travel and accommodation (excludes food)
87934	Hutt Valley Gymnastics Centre Inc	$43,500.00	$43,500.00	22/07/2021	Couches, tables, chairs, display racks, speakers, kitchen appliances; 3 strip sprung floor; Tumble mats; 9 metre tumble track; 9 strip sprung floor
87072	Hutt Valley High School	$1,444.67	$1,444.67	22/06/2021	Uniforms and equipment (excludes training shirts and training hoodies)
87719	Hutt Valley Motorsport Club Inc	$11,090.40	$11,090.40	22/06/2021	Radios with chargers
88001	Hutt Valley Softball Association Inc	$12,500.00	$12,500.00	22/07/2021	Salary
86656	Hutt Valley Sports Awards Inc	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	20/04/2021	Production costs
86921	Hutt Water Polo Club Inc	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	18/05/2021	Contractor
85901	Ignite Sport Trust	$100,000.00	$100,000.00	23/02/2021	Building renovations

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85235	Lower Hutt City Association Football & Sports Club Inc	$51,000.00	$51,000.00	23/02/2021	Construction of storage facility; Contractor - Director of Football
84997	Lower Hutt Playcentre	$4,150.00	$4,150.00	15/12/2020	Heat pumps
86142	Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	22/03/2021	Contractor
87143	Maungaraki School	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	18/05/2021	Bicycles and equipment
87986	Muritai Yacht Club Inc	$7,000.00	$7,000.00	2/09/2021	Pontoon replacement
85084	Naenae Hockey Club Incorporated	$6,958.69	$6,958.69	19/01/2021	Equipment
87374	Naenae Old Boys Cricket Club Inc	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	22/06/2021	Cricket Balls
85771	Naenae Soccer Club Inc	$3,200.00	$3,200.00	23/02/2021	Turf fees
88237	Naenae Youth Charitable Trust	$23,064.60	$23,064.60	2/09/2021	Salary - Lead Female Coach; Salary - Assistant Male Coach; Salary - NBA Head Coach
85916	Petone Football Club Inc	$27,000.00	$27,000.00	23/02/2021	Electronic scoreboard including installation
86441	Point Howard Playcentre	$2,435.00	$2,435.00	18/05/2021	Bark chips
86904	Pomare School	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	18/05/2021	Playground equipment and installation
87038	Randwick Rugby League Sports Club Inc	$1,384.90	$1,384.90	18/05/2021	Ground fees and gym hire
86423	Stop Out Sports Club Inc	$19,600.00	$19,600.00	22/03/2021	Mentoring programme for coaches
87390	Taita District Cricket Club Inc	$2,555.00	$2,555.00	22/06/2021	Facility hire (from 22 June 2021)
84522	Taita District Cricket Club Inc	$4,000.00	$4,000.00	17/11/2020	Contractor
88719	Waimarie Hutt Valley Croquet Club Inc	$2,015.00	$2,015.00	21/09/2021	Defibrillator
86913	Waterloo School	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	20/04/2021	Playground equipment
88510	Waterloo School	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	2/09/2021	Travel and accommodation - excludes food
		$603,601.81	**$603,601.81**		
Grants to regional and multi-regional organisations that benefit Hutt City					
83565	Bowls Wellington Inc	$20,000.00	$3,600.00	20/10/2020	Salary
89067	Capital Zone Basketball Trust	$50,000.00	$8,000.00	21/09/2021	Salary
87301	Capital Zone Basketball Trust	$150,000.00	$25,500.00	20/04/2021	Salary - General Manager; Salary - Regional Development Officer (Female); Salary - Regional Development Officer; Salary - Community Development Officer
85070	Central Region Rowing Development Trust	$45,002.01	$2,709.12	15/12/2020	Accommodation - excludes booking fee; Sweep oars; Travel to National Championships; Rowsuits; Single sculls
84339	College Sport Wellington Inc	$42,000.00	$5,880.00	17/11/2020	Salary
88415	Cricket Wellington Inc	$180,000.00	$36,000.00	2/09/2021	Salary - Pathways Manager; Salary - Finance and Administration Manager; Salary - General Manager (excluding bonuses); Salary - Chief Executive Officer
86064	dsport Inc	$9,000.00	$1,350.00	22/03/2021	Travel and accommodation; Venue hire
88029	Graeme Dingle Foundation Wellington	$20,000.00	$10,000.00	22/07/2021	Salary - two Kiwi Can Leaders (excluding allowances/ expenses); Salary - Kiwi Can Coordinator (excluding allowances/ expenses)
88787	Hurricanes Youth Rugby Council Inc	$8,953.05	$671.27	2/09/2021	Accommodation (excludes meals and laundry)
86701	Massey University Foundation	$77,246.32	$13,131.87	20/04/2021	Contractor - Occupational Therapist; Contractor - Dementia Advisors; Contractor - Sound Artist; Contractor - Coding Developer time to develop and refine apps; Contractor - Coding Developer; Contractor - Specialist support to refactor code base of application; Samsung tablets
86479	Netball Central Zone Inc	$249,516.17	$17,122.64	22/03/2021	Vehicle lease; Van hire; Accommodation - excludes bond; Office rental; Salary - CEO - excludes bonuses; Salary - Community Emerging Talent Manager; Salary - Office Manager; Salary - Umpire & Bench Lead; Salary - Junior & Youth Lead; Salary - Coach Relation Wellington
87867	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$4,228.26	$591.96	22/06/2021	Venue hire and accommodation (excludes catering)
88183	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$45,000.00	$7,200.00	22/07/2021	Community Coordinators (excludes fuel); Contractor - Diversity & Inclusion Officer (excludes benefits and expenses)
85502	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$45,000.00	$6,300.00	15/12/2020	Floodlights
85485	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$106,049.00	$1,855.86	19/01/2021	Venue hire; Flights
87364	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$140,000.00	$3,777.08	22/06/2021	Accommodation (excludes catering); Flights
89583	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$190,000.00	$30,400.00	21/09/2021	Salary - Referee Development Manager (excludes benefits); Salary - Junior Operations Administrator (excludes benefits); Salary - Football Development Manager (excludes benefits); Salary - Operations Manager (excludes benefits); Salary - Finance Manager (excludes benefits); Salary - Chief Executive Officer (excludes benefits)
86052	Port Nicholson & Poneke Cycling Club Inc	$5,520.00	$772.80	23/02/2021	Race management services
89675	Shift Foundation	$50,000.00	$8,000.00	21/09/2021	Salary
86354	Shift Foundation	$50,000.00	$7,500.00	22/03/2021	Salary

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88618	Southern Hearing Charitable Trust	$20,000.00	$1,116.69	2/09/2021	Salary
87024	Swimming Wellington Inc	$5,000.00	$850.00	18/05/2021	Salary
84786	Swimming Wellington Inc	$5,000.00	$700.00	15/12/2020	Salary
88916	Tennis Central Region Inc	$90,000.00	$6,422.62	21/09/2021	Salary - Senior Events Coordinator; Salary - Participation Manager; Salary - Events & Operations Manager
84760	Wellington Free Ambulance Service Inc	$100,000.00	$14,000.00	15/12/2020	Frontline ambulance
85418	Wellington Hockey Association Inc	$135,000.00	$18,900.00	19/01/2021	Salary - Club Capability and Communication Officer; Salary - Hockey Operations Officer; Salary - Hockey Community and Development Officer; Salary - Head of Hockey; Salary - CEO
85322	Wellington Hospitals Foundation	$20,000.00	$2,800.00	23/02/2021	Gym equipment
84833	Wellington Hutt Valley Boxing Association Inc	$20,000.00	$2,800.00	15/12/2020	Audio and visual costs
84980	Wellington Opera Trust	$20,000.00	$2,800.00	15/12/2020	Hire fees (wages for staff only)
88718	Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust	$400,000.00	$64,000.00	21/09/2021	Upgrade of Fraser Park
87663	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust	$25,000.00	$3,500.00	22/06/2021	Sound and AV equipment
86619	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust	$114,318.48	$19,434.14	18/05/2021	Salary - General Manager - Delivery (Maternity Cover); Salary - General Manager - Delivery; Salary - CEO (excludes benefits and expenses); Consulting fees; Accommodation and venue hire (excludes catering); Effective Resilience workshop
85666	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$30,000.00	$4,200.00	19/01/2021	Salary - Community Development Manager; Salary - General Manager - Business
85133	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$40,000.00	$5,600.00	15/12/2020	Salary - Event Director; Sound and AV equipment; Traffic management plan costs
84263	Wellington Riding for the Disabled Association Inc	$29,300.00	$5,274.00	20/10/2020	Insulation materials and installation
89327	Wellington Rugby Football Union Inc	$400,000.00	$86,666.00	21/09/2021	Club Game Development Officers and Community Liaison Officer
85236	Wellington Rugby Football Union Inc	$400,000.00	$64,000.00	15/12/2020	Club Game Development Officers and Community Liaison Officer
88738	Wellington Rugby League Zone of NZRL Inc	$43,680.00	$6,988.80	22/07/2021	Salary
85825	Wellington Rugby League Zone of NZRL Inc	$100,000.00	$14,000.00	19/01/2021	Salary - Community Coordinator; Salary - Chief Executive Officer
86601	Wellington Smallbore Rifle Association Inc	$3,519.13	$527.87	20/04/2021	Accommodation
84311	Wellington Softball Association Inc	$45,250.00	$9,502.50	17/11/2020	Salary - Game Administration Officer; Salary - Operations Officer
89155	Wellington Softball Association Inc	$50,000.00	$3,428.67	21/09/2021	Salary
		$3,583,582.42	**$527,873.89**		
Grants to national organisations that benefit Hutt City					
89532	Basketball NZ Inc	$150,000.00	$8,000.00	21/09/2021	Salaries of Regional and Club Development Leads
87919	Big Bang Adventure Charitable Trust	$16,200.00	$1,944.00	22/07/2021	Contractor - Assistant Event Manager; Contractor - Event Manager; Safety services
85121	Billy Graham Youth Foundation	$12,000.00	$5,400.00	15/12/2020	Salary
85749	Canteen Aotearoa Inc	$30,000.00	$1,400.00	23/02/2021	Salary - Youth Worker - Christchurch; Salary - Youth Worker - Auckland; Salary - Youth Worker - Wellington
86443	Get Kids Active Charitable Trust	$25,000.00	$259.20	20/04/2021	Costs associated with Junior Tough Guy & Gal events
86503	Gymsports NZ Inc	$189,101.92	$2,587.69	22/03/2021	Salary - Operations Manager; Salary - Community Sport Manager; Salary - National Support Administrator; Salary - Midlands Relationship Manager (excludes wage subsidy); Salary - Central Relationship Manager; Salary - Southern Relationship Manager
89266	Halberg Foundation	$120,000.00	$3,113.12	21/09/2021	Salary - Disability Sport Adviser (Canterbury, West Coast & Tasman); Salary - Disability Sport Adviser (Hawkes Bay & Wellington); Salary - Disability Adviser - Lead (Taranaki, Whanganui & Manawatu); Salary - Disability Sport Adviser (BOP & Gisborne); Salary - Disability Sport Adviser (Waikato); Salary - Disability Sport Adviser (Auckland); Salary - Disability Adviser - Lead (Auckland)
85601	Louise Perkins Foundation	$5,000.00	$467.53	23/02/2021	Salary
84535	NZ Golf Inc	$150,000.00	$1,565.61	17/11/2020	Salary - Regional Support Manager - Lower North Island; Salary - Regional Support Manager - South Island; Salary - Regional Support Manager - Waikato/BOP; Salary - Regional Support Manager Northern
88645	NZ Kung Fu Wushu Federation Inc	$2,518.50	$172.79	2/09/2021	First aid cover; Venue hire
88598	NZ Opera Ltd	$50,000.00	$3,430.47	2/09/2021	Venue hire
85722	Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind Inc	$10,000.00	$1,500.00	23/02/2021	Purchase of a vehicle
88504	Scout Association of NZ	$50,000.00	$558.35	2/09/2021	Salary - General Manager South Island; Salary - General Manager Lower North Island; Salary - General Manager Upper North Island
85902	Special Olympics NZ	$250,000.00	$1,713.11	23/02/2021	Salaries of Regional Sport Coordinators
85170	Swimming NZ Inc	$85,000.00	$1,680.00	15/12/2020	Salary - Wellington Aquatic Education and Water Safety Advisor; Salary - Auckland Aquatic education and Water Safety Advisor; Salary - Canterbury Aquatic Education and Water Safety Advisor; Salary - Taranaki Aquatic Education and Water Safety Advisor; Salary - Hawkes Bay Aquatic Education and Water Safety Advisor; Salary - Waikato/Bay of Plenty Aquatic Education and Water Safety Advisor; Salary - South Auckland Aquatic Education and Water Safety Advisor

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85409	Tennis NZ Inc	$115,000.00	$1,746.62	23/02/2021	Salary - Coach Development Manager; Salary - Participation Coordinator - excludes expenses; Book A Court Hardware Installations; Salary - Head of Participation
88202	Volleyball NZ Inc	$120,000.00	$8,256.00	2/09/2021	Salary- Activator - Wellington; Salary - Activator - West Auckland; Salary - Activator - Auckland
85826	Yachting NZ Inc	$152,000.00	$1,061.11	23/02/2021	Salary - Regional Support Officer (Auckland, Northland); Salary - Regional Support Officer (Central including Bay of Plenty and Gisborne); Salary - Regional Support Officer (Auckland, Bay of Plenty); Salary - Regional Support Officer (West Coast, Canterbury, Otago, Southland)
		$1,531,820.42	**$44,855.60**		
October 2019 to September 2020					
80442	Arakura School Board of Trustees	$7,677.00	$7,677.00	29/11/2019	Towards playground upgrade
79706	Avalon Tennis Club Inc	$3,200.00	$3,200.00	17/12/2019	Towards coaching
82715	Fraser Park Sportsville Inc	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	31/08/2020	Salary
81198	Hutt Old Boys Marist Rugby Football Club Inc	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	18/02/2020	Travel and accommodation - excludes Driver's accommodation
80089	Hutt Valley Baseball Club Inc	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	22/10/2019	Towards travel and accommodation
79866	Hutt Valley Motorsport Club Inc	$3,840.00	$3,840.00	22/10/2019	Towards traffic cones
79543	Hutt Water Polo Club Inc	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	22/10/2019	Salary
80114	Kelson School	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	22/10/2019	Towards uniforms (kapa haka)
80500	Lower Hutt City Association Football & Sports Club Inc	$30,000.00	$30,000.00	29/11/2019	Towards football equipment: goals, pitch foam barriers and footballs
83606	Lower Hutt Floorball Club Inc	$15,985.00	$15,985.00	22/09/2020	Floorball rink
82928	Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	$9,520.00	$9,520.00	6/08/2020	Contractor
79594	Maungaraki School	$4,813.95	$4,813.95	22/10/2019	Towards bike and scooter racks
80206	Maungaraki Tennis Club Inc	$6,000.00	$6,000.00	22/10/2019	Towards playing uniforms
80332	Naenae Old Boys Cricket Club Inc	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	22/10/2019	Towards cricket balls
83423	Naenae Old Boys Cricket Club Inc	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	22/09/2020	Cricket balls
82898	Naenae Soccer Club Inc	$2,042.86	$2,042.86	6/08/2020	Facility hire
80672	Naenae Youth Charitable Trust	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	29/11/2019	Salary
83360	Petone Tennis Club Inc	$2,615.00	$2,615.00	31/08/2020	Tennis balls
80892	Sola Power Throwing Academy	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	18/02/2020	Gazebo
83403	St James Sea Scout Group 80912	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	22/09/2020	Patrol boat including accessories; Kayaks including accessories
81076	Stop Out Sports Club Inc	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	17/12/2019	Towards coaching/mentoring (excludes catering)
80463	Swimzone Racing Inc	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	29/11/2019	Towards travel and accommodation
83090	Taita District Cricket Club Inc	$1,620.00	$1,620.00	6/08/2020	Playing uniforms
		$163,313.81	**$163,313.81**		
Grants to regional and multi-regional organisations that benefit Hutt City					
82640	Athletics Wellington Inc	$25,000.00	$3,500.00	22/09/2020	Salary
79303	Bowls Wellington Inc	$20,000.00	$2,800.00	22/10/2019	Salary
80065	Cancer Society of NZ Wellington Division Inc	$2,677.21	$374.81	22/10/2019	Towards marquee hire, portable fence hire (excludes call out fees)
82739	Capital Zone Basketball Trust	$20,000.00	$2,800.00	29/06/2020	Salary - Regional Development Officer; Salary - Community Development Officer
80409	Capital Zone Basketball Trust	$40,000.00	$5,600.00	22/10/2019	Towards salary of Development Officer; Towards salary of General Manager (excludes fundraising element)
84200	Capital Zone Basketball Trust	$60,000.00	$10,800.00	22/09/2020	Salary - Regional Development Officer; Salary - Community Development Officer; Salary - General Manager
80752	Central Zone Deaf Rugby Union Inc	$4,319.97	$187.49	17/12/2019	Towards travel and accommodation (excludes food)
80300	College Sport Wellington Inc	$42,000.00	$5,880.00	22/10/2019	Salary
79769	Cricket Wellington Inc	$90,000.00	$14,400.00	22/10/2019	Towards salary of Finance and Administration Manager; Towards salary of General Manager; Towards salary of CEO; Towards salary of Pathways Manager
81340	Cricket Wellington Inc	$90,000.00	$11,700.00	18/02/2020	Salary - Pathway Manager; Salary - Finance and Administration Manager - excludes fundraising element; Salary - General Manager - excludes fundraising element; Salary - Chief Executive Officer
83465	Cricket Wellington Inc	$180,000.00	$37,800.00	22/09/2020	Salary - Pathways Manager ; Salary - Finance and Administration Manager ; Salary - General Manager (excluding bonuses); Salary - Chief Executive Officer
81455	dsport Inc	$9,000.00	$1,173.84	18/02/2020	Travel and accommodation - 2020 Wheelchair Rugby season
80885	Hoe Tonga Pacific Waka Ama Association Inc	$15,000.00	$1,950.00	18/02/2020	Salary
83117	Netball Central Zone Inc	$108,000.00	$6,917.40	6/08/2020	Salary - Admin and Finance Officer; Salary - Junior Development and Youth Lead; Salary - Chief Executive Officer; Salary - Community Emerging Talent Manager; Salary - Coach Relations - Wellington; Salary - Umpire and Bench Lead

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79965	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$95,000.00	$13,300.00	22/10/2019	Towards salary for Finance Manager (excluding fundraising element); Towards salary for Referee Manager; Towards salary for Assistant Federation Football Manager; Towards salary for CEO (excluding fundraising element); Towards salary for Football Development Manager; Towards salary of Operations Manager; Towards salary for Federation Development Officer;Communications/Communications Manager; Towards salary for Juniors Operations Administrator
81224	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$95,000.00	$12,350.00	18/02/2020	Salary - Assistant Federation Football Manager; Salary - Federation Development Officer;Communications/Communications Manager; Salary - Referee Manager; Salary - Juniors Operations Administrator; Salary - Operations Manager; Salary - Football Development Manager; Salary - Finance Manager (excluding fundraising element); Salary - CEO (excluding fundraising element)
80747	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$111,080.00	$1,805.05	29/11/2019	Towards travel (excludes service fee)
84135	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$190,000.00	$34,200.00	22/09/2020	Salary - Assistant Federation Development Manager; Salary - Communications Manager; Salary - Referee Manager; Salary - Junior Operations Administrator; Salary - Federation Development Manager; Salary - Operations Manager; Salary - Finance Manager; Salary - CEO
80613	Shift Foundation	$40,000.00	$5,600.00	29/11/2019	Salary
83085	Special Olympics Lower North Island Regional Council	$12,610.00	$561.04	6/08/2020	Van hire and accommodation; Mountain passes
80459	Squash Wellington Districts Inc	$10,000.00	$1,400.00	17/12/2019	Salary
80581	Swimming Wellington Inc	$5,000.00	$700.00	22/01/2020	Salary
80578	Swimming Wellington Inc	$25,000.00	$3,500.00	17/12/2019	Salary
80671	Tennis Central Region Inc	$87,000.00	$4,567.50	29/11/2019	Towards salary of Participation Manager; Towards salary of Senior Events Coordinator; Towards salary of Events & Operations Manager
80654	Wellington Circus Trust	$15,000.00	$2,100.00	29/11/2019	Towards trusses, installation equipment and installation (excluding expenses)
80559	Wellington Hockey Association Inc	$128,000.00	$17,920.00	17/12/2019	Towards salary for Tournaments & Competition Officer (excluding kiwisaver); Towards salary for Chief Executive (excluding fundraising element and kiwisaver); Towards salary for Hockey Development Officer (excluding kiwisaver); Towards salary for Administration & Accounts Officer (excluding fundraising element and kiwisaver); Towards salary for Community Hockey Officer (excluding kiwisaver)
79880	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$35,000.00	$4,900.00	22/10/2019	Salary
83200	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$35,000.00	$4,900.00	6/08/2020	Salary
81032	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$40,000.00	$5,600.00	17/12/2019	Towards timing transponders; Towards salary of Event Director (excludes fundraising element); Towards sound and audio visual equipment; Towards salary of Event Volunteer Coordinator; Towards salary of Event Registrations Coordinator
83110	Wellington Rugby Football Union Inc	$150,000.00	$31,000.00	6/08/2020	Community Participation Programme club service delivery fees
80286	Wellington Rugby Football Union Inc	$240,000.00	$38,400.00	22/10/2019	Towards salary of Club Development Officer (excludes fundraising element); Towards salary of RDO - Women's Rugby; Towards salary of Game Development Officer - Youth; Towards salary of Referee Education Officer; Towards salary of Manager - Community Rugby; Towards service delivery fees
80781	Wellington Rugby League Zone of NZRL Inc	$94,759.61	$13,266.35	17/12/2019	Towards salary for General Manager (excluding fundraising element); Towards salary for Event and Community Coordinator (excluding fundraising element)
81914	Wellington Skateboarding Association	$3,000.00	$409.00	18/02/2020	Costs associated with New Zealand National Skateboarding Championships (seating, portaloos)
83746	Wellington Softball Association Inc	$50,000.00	$2,160.00	22/09/2020	Salary
81352	YMCA of Central Inc	$20,000.00	$2,800.00	29/06/2020	High ropes course
		$2,187,446.79	**$307,322.48**		
Grants to national organisations that benefit Hutt City					
83098	Basketball NZ Inc	$65,555.40	$1,560.22	6/08/2020	Contract fee - Capital Zone; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - Southland; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - Otago; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - Canterbury; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - Manawatu; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - Hawkes Bay; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - Bay of Plenty; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - Auckland; Contract fee - Regional Coordinator - North Harbour
81114	Billy Graham Youth Foundation	$12,000.00	$5,400.00	18/02/2020	Salary
81717	Get Kids Active Charitable Trust	$25,000.00	$724.50	29/06/2020	Costs associated with Tough Guy Challenge
83157	Gymsports NZ Inc	$100,000.00	$728.00	6/08/2020	Salary - Community Sport Manager (excludes wage subsidy); Salary - National Support Administrator (excludes wage subsidy); Salary - Relationship Team Manager, excludes wage subsidy; Salary - Midlands Relationship Manager (excludes wage subsidy); Salary - Central Relationship Manager (excludes wage subsidy); Salary - Southern Relationship Manager (excludes wage subsidy)

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83684	Halberg Foundation	$120,000.00	$2,628.00	22/09/2020	Salary - Disability Sport Advisor - Canterbury, Tasman, West Coast; Salary - Disability Sport Advisor - Wellington/Hawkes Bay; Salary - Disability Sport Advisor - Taranaki/Whanganui; Salary - Disability Sport Advisor - Bay of Plenty/Gisborne; Salary - Disability Sport Advisor - Waikato; Salary - Disability Sport Advisor - Counties Manukau
80543	Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind Inc	$5,000.00	$700.00	29/11/2019	Salary
83014	Scout Association of NZ	$45,000.00	$1,713.60	6/08/2020	Salary - General Manager - Lower North Island; Salary - General Manager - South Island; Salary - General Manager - Upper North Island
82788	Special Olympics NZ	$125,000.00	$2,397.50	29/06/2020	Salaries - Regional Sports Coordinators; Salary - Sports Director - Auckland; Salary - Team Lead RSC - Central North Island
83209	Surf Life Saving NZ Inc	$50,000.00	$1,071.00	22/09/2020	Salary - Sport Manager Eastern Region; Salary - Sport Manager Central Regional; Salary - Sport Manager Southern Region
81328	Swimming NZ Inc	$85,000.00	$2,210.00	18/02/2020	Salary - Education & Water Safety Advisor; Salary - National Education and Water Safety Manager; Salary - Education Advisor; Salary - Wellington Aquatic Education & Water Safety Advisor; Salary - North Island Aquatic Education & Water Safety Manager
81446	Tennis NZ Inc	$115,000.00	$1,755.00	18/02/2020	Court access control equipment; Salary - Coach Development Manager; Salary - Head of Coaching and Participation
		$747,555.40	**$20,887.82**		

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78889	Air Training Corps Association of NZ Inc	$3,199.60	$3,199.60	23/07/2019	Towards camp stretchers for No 2 squadron branch (Hutt City) for onsite and offsite activities
79109	Autism NZ Inc	$80,000.00	$80,000.00	25/06/2019	Towards construction and fitout costs for Autism centre
77091	Avalon Tennis Club Inc	$2,400.00	$2,400.00	23/01/2019	Towards junior coaching
76836	Boulcotts Farm Heritage Golf Club Inc	$2,220.24	$2,220.24	18/12/2018	Towards shirts for weekend grade interclub teams
78989	Epuni School	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	13/09/2019	Towards playground equipment and installation costs
78347	Hutt Central School	$20,000.00	$20,000.00	25/06/2019	Towards resurfacing of Junior and Senior playgrounds; Towards sunshades over the playgrounds
79625	Hutt City Council	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	13/09/2019	Towards performance stage hire, first aid cover
78306	Hutt City Kindergartens Association Inc	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	21/05/2019	Towards a van (excludes trade me quote)
76967	Hutt Valley Baseball Club Inc	$3,675.50	$3,675.50	19/02/2019	Towards backstop caging
77193	Hutt Valley Gymnastics Centre Inc	$14,655.00	$14,655.00	19/02/2019	Towards an air floor (tumbling mat)
79315	Hutt Valley High School	$85,000.00	$85,000.00	21/08/2019	Towards resurfacing of netball/tennis courts
78092	Hutt Valley Kyokushin Karate Dojo Inc	$1,093.00	$1,093.00	21/05/2019	Towards venue hire; Towards portable PA and microphone
79660	Lower Hutt City Association Football & Sports Club Inc	$12,581.35	$12,581.35	13/09/2019	Towards artificial turf hire from 1 October 2019; Towards travel and accommodation (excluding reduced excess)
77175	Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	$14,577.28	$14,577.28	19/02/2019	Towards salary of Director of Sport from 19 February 2019 (excludes fundraising element); Towards salary of Zone Convenor from 19 February 2019
79752	Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	$3,800.00	$3,800.00	30/09/2019	Salary
78649	Massey Avenue Bowling Club Inc	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	25/06/2019	Towards contract for Green keepers fees
78322	Maungaraki School	$2,210.00	$2,210.00	21/05/2019	Towards kapa haka uniforms
76459	Muritai Yacht Club Inc	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	18/12/2018	Towards a replacement rescue boat
78506	Naenae Playcentre	$1,763.90	$1,763.90	25/06/2019	Towards childrens tables and chairs
77842	Naenae Soccer Club Inc	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	21/05/2019	Towards turf and gymnasium hire from 21 May 2019
79916	Netball Hutt Valley Centre Inc	$7,800.00	$7,800.00	13/09/2019	Salary
76234	Petone Football Club Inc	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	20/11/2018	Towards playing kit for U17 boys' teams
79345	Petone Tennis Club Inc	$3,177.60	$3,177.60	21/08/2019	Towards tennis balls
78757	Randwick Rugby League Sports Club Inc	$672.75	$672.75	23/07/2019	Towards ground fees and indoor gym hire
79360	Riding for the Disabled Association Hutt Valley Group Inc	$8,347.83	$8,347.83	13/09/2019	Towards trimming and shoeing of horses
79399	Stop Out Sports Club Inc	$6,500.00	$6,500.00	13/09/2019	Towards senior football goals
79027	Taita District Cricket Club Inc	$1,400.00	$1,400.00	23/07/2019	Towards net hire for preseason cricket training
76064	Te Omanga Hospice Trust	$50,000.00	$50,000.00	20/11/2018	Towards furniture for Hospice building
77509	Waterloo School	$2,309.56	$2,309.56	27/03/2019	Towards Yoga in Schools Programme for Year 6
		$392,383.61	**$392,383.61**		

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77928	Athletics Wellington Inc	$25,000.00	$4,500.00	23/04/2019	Salary
78296	Basin Reserve Trust	$125,000.00	$17,500.00	21/05/2019	Towards upgrade and increase of public amenities at the Basin Reserve in Wellington
77670	Capital Zone Basketball Trust	$60,000.00	$10,800.00	27/03/2019	Towards salary of General Manager (excludes fundraising element); Towards salary of Coach Development Officer
79985	Central Region Rowing Development Trust	$58,684.34	$3,204.16	13/09/2019	Towards accommodation; Towards rowsuits; Towards double rowing skiffs; Towards GPS speed coaches

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76170	Central Zone Deaf Rugby Union Inc	$5,000.00	$258.85	18/12/2018	Towards travel for 26th National Deaf Rugby Championship in Auckland
76084	Challenge 2000 Trust Inc	$6,000.00	$1,035.40	23/10/2018	Towards Activities Based Learning Youth Worker
76329	College Sport Wellington Inc	$42,000.00	$7,140.00	20/11/2018	Salary
75249	Cricket Wellington Inc	$180,000.00	$34,481.92	23/10/2018	Towards salary of Chief Executive Officer; Towards salary of Finance and Administration Manager; Towards salary of General Manager (Engagement); Towards salary of Pathway Manager
75852	Fraser Park Sportsville Inc	$40,000.00	$6,902.69	23/10/2018	Towards fit out furniture and equipment for Fraser Park Sportsville
79920	Kapiti Motorcycle Club Inc	$9,000.00	$1,260.00	30/09/2019	Towards equipment (air safety fences) for a region-wide road event series
78361	Kartsport Wellington Inc	$3,000.00	$420.00	21/05/2019	Towards event medic services from 21 May 2019
79477	Lower North Island Secondary Schools Netball Inc	$15,000.00	$639.80	21/08/2019	Towards accommodation for umpires and officials
76838	Netball Central Zone Inc	$250,000.00	$15,140.67	24/12/2018	Towards salary of CEO (excludes fundraising element); Towards salary of Performance Manager; Towards salary of Coach Lead / Coach Development Officer; Towards salary of Community Netball Manager; Towards salary of Umpire Development Officer
78422	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$111,160.00	$2,164.45	21/05/2019	Towards travel costs
76180	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$190,000.00	$32,787.78	20/11/2018	Towards salary of Football Development Manager; Towards salary of CEO; Towards salary of Football Development Officer; Towards salary of Junior Operations Administrator; Towards salary of Finance Manager; Towards salary of Operations Manager (previously Operations Administrator)
79964	No 5 District Federation of NZ Football Inc - Capital Football Inc	$175,000.00	$3,500.00	30/09/2019	Towards travel and accommodation (excluding service fee and catering)
78527	Port Nicholson & Poneke Cycling Club Inc	$25,000.00	$3,500.00	25/06/2019	Towards resurfacing of Wellington velodrome
76984	Saints Limited	$125,000.00	$22,694.84	19/02/2019	Towards travel and accommodation (excluding meals) for 2019 season; Towards community coaching for 2019 season (excluding Head Coach)
76427	Shift Foundation	$40,000.00	$6,902.69	20/11/2018	Salary
79037	Special Olympics Lower North Island Regional Council	$10,000.00	$518.00	23/07/2019	Towards accommodation, bus and van hire for 2019 Special Olympics Lower North Island Snow Sports Programme (excluding driver accommodation and meals, cleaning, diesel); Towards mountain costs, gear hire, instructors, lessons and lift tickets for 2019 Special Olympics Lower North Island Snow Sports Programme (excluding wristguard bond deposit)
78393	Surf Lifesaving Charitable Trust	$9,131.00	$1,278.34	21/05/2019	Towards beach wheelchairs and pontoons
76041	Swimming Wellington Inc	$30,000.00	$5,446.76	19/02/2019	Salary
76425	Tennis Central Region Inc	$87,000.00	$5,546.25	6/12/2018	Towards salary of Participation Manager; Towards salary of Chief Executive Officer; Towards salary of Senior Events Coordinator; Towards salary of Events & Operations Manager
79873	Wellington Basketball Association Inc	$3,259.12	$456.28	13/09/2019	Towards travel costs
79749	Wellington Golf Inc	$15,000.00	$2,100.00	13/09/2019	Salary
77925	Wellington Handball Federation Inc	$5,000.00	$700.00	21/05/2019	Towards court hire for Wellington league
76281	Wellington Hockey Association Inc	$128,000.00	$22,088.61	20/11/2018	Towards salary of Community Hockey Officer; Towards salary of Performance Coach; Towards salary of Capital Development Manager; Towards salary of CEO (excludes fundraising element); Towards salary of Facilities and Events Manager; Towards salary of Talent and Performance Lead; Towards salary of Coach Officer; Towards salary of Finance Officer (excludes fundraising element); Towards salary of Tournament and Competitions Manager
76132	Wellington Hospitals Foundation	$6,613.20	$1,141.22	23/10/2018	Towards fitness trackers
77137	Wellington Jazz and Music Festival Trust	$5,000.00	$907.79	19/02/2019	Towards audio costs for 2019 Wellington Jazz Festival
78344	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$25,000.00	$3,500.00	21/05/2019	Towards audio visual costs for Wellington Sportsperson of the Year Awards
76043	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$35,000.00	$6,039.85	23/10/2018	Towards salary of Community Coach Advisor; Towards salary of Performance Hub Advisor
76774	Wellington Regional Sports Education Trust T/A Sport Wellington	$40,000.00	$7,000.00	18/12/2018	Towards timing, traffic management and sound system for Round the Bays 2019
75561	Wellington Rugby Football Union Inc	$480,000.00	$91,951.83	23/10/2018	Towards salary of Manager - Community Rugby; Towards salary of Rugby Development Manager; Towards salary of Women's Rugby Development Manager; Towards salary of Club Development Officer; Towards service fees for clubs delivering Community Participation Programme
76617	Wellington Rugby League Zone of NZRL Inc	$100,000.00	$18,000.00	18/12/2018	Towards salary of General Manager; Towards salary of Community Development Manager; Towards salary of Event and Community Coordinator
77485	Wellington Smallbore Rifle Association Inc	$2,145.91	$386.26	27/03/2019	Towards accommodation for Teams of Ten event in Masterton
76010	Wellington Softball Association Inc	$48,775.00	$9,343.65	23/10/2018	Towards salary of Operations Officer; Towards salary of Competition Administration Officer; Towards salary of Game Development Officer
79728	Wellington Softball Association Inc	$50,000.00	$1,610.00	13/09/2019	Salary
79917	Wellington Tennis Inc	$60,000.00	$8,400.00	13/09/2019	Towards LED lighting for indoor tennis courts at Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre

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79162	YMCA of Central Inc	$4,833.00	$676.62	21/08/2019	Towards venue hire
		$2,629,601.57	**$361,924.71**		
Grants to national organisations that benefit Hutt City					
77958	Baseball NZ Inc	$20,000.00	$1,361.74	23/04/2019	Towards contract fee for National Development Officer (Canterbury); Towards contract fee for National Development Officer (Wellington); Towards contract fee for Events & National Team Manager
76771	Basketball NZ Inc	$150,000.00	$2,800.00	19/02/2019	Salary
77085	Gymsports NZ Inc	$200,000.00	$2,568.01	27/03/2019	Towards salary of Midlands Relationship Manager; Towards salary of Central Regional Relationship Manager; Towards salary of Relationship Team Manager; Towards salary of Community Sport Manager; Towards salary of Southern Regional Relationship Manager
79427	Halberg Foundation	$120,000.00	$2,184.00	21/08/2019	Towards salary of Disability Sport Advisor - Bay of Plenty, Gisborne; Towards salary of Disability Sport Advisor - Waikato; Towards salary of Disability Sport Advisor - Canterbury; Towards salary of Disability Sport Advisor - Counties Manukau; Towards salary of Disability Sport Advisor - Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatu; Towards salary of Disability Sport Advisor - Wellington, Hawkes Bay
79892	Hockey NZ Inc	$28,500.00	$700.00	13/09/2019	Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Auckland); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Hawkes Bay); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Poverty Bay); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Buller); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Manawatu); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Taranaki); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Thames Valley); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Counties Manukau); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Nelson/Marlborough); Towards fee for Regional Development Programme (Wellington - excludes Wairarapa)
79295	NZ Golf Inc	$150,000.00	$1,435.00	21/08/2019	Towards salary of Lower North Island Regional Support Manager; Towards salary of Northern Regional Support Manager; Towards salary of Mainland Regional Support Manager; Towards salary of Waikato & BOP Regional Support Manager
78223	Special Olympics NZ	$250,000.00	$2,964.50	21/05/2019	Towards salary for Manager Sports Operations; Towards salaries for eight (8) Regional Sports Coordinators
76958	Yachting NZ Inc	$152,000.00	$2,766.40	19/02/2019	Towards salaries for two (2) Regional Support Officers - Northern Regions from 1 March 2019; Towards salary for Regional Support Officer - Central Region from 1 March 2019; Towards salary for Regional Support Officer - Southern Region from 1 March 2019
		$1,070,500.00	**$16,779.65**		

Jackie Sowry

From: Fiona Beals <>
Sent: Saturday, 6 November 2021 2:12 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Kia ora

I was hoping to do the survey in the weekend as I can't get to my local library due to work hours.

Can you please note my preference to a sinking lid approach to gaming machines. Wainuiomata has significantly more gaming machines per capita and we see very little gaming monies coming back to us – even with 16.7 million returned to the Hutt, sports groups in Petone receive far more money than any group in Wainuiomata and gaming monies are not returned to ensure children have food in their stomach; ie gaming monies are not returned to address the issues that they are feeding into.

I do not support the other two approaches as they enable loopholes. We have a very real example here in Wainuiomata when the Palliser Hotel sold up for housing development and then purchased a smaller shop and started the Palliser Sports Bar. Rather than starting with less machines, it was able to find loopholes to claim that it was the same business (which it wasn't even to us locals) and increase gaming machines.

I am all for old fashioned housie when 100% of the monies are used to a cause like the local marae, but not for an addictive activity like gaming machines which affect families and children of our poorest. I ask that our Council make a stand for our children – rather than supporting a corrupt industry.

Nga mihi
Fiona

'It is better to light a candle than to curse the dark'
K'naan (Dusty Foot Philosopher)

Dr Fiona Beals

Wainuiomata
Lower Hutt 5014
Wellington
New Zealand

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how/when?

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The questions are not expanded enough to make a definite vote, eg Q1. over how long, down to what numbers? Q2. Over what timeframe & how decided which ones close/reduce, hopefully by next election!!

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[redacted]

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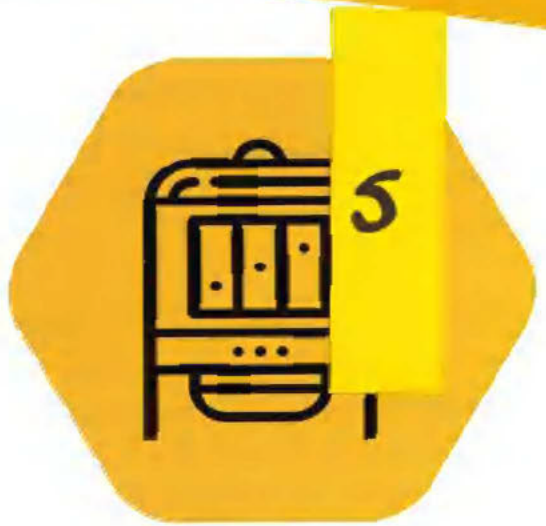

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what if places are
closed by Covid Eg:
for 6mths or more what
happens then. The only venue
I would like to see no
Pokies in is the TAB.
Children sit outside waiting
on Parents + Money to buy
something to eat.
Disgusting.

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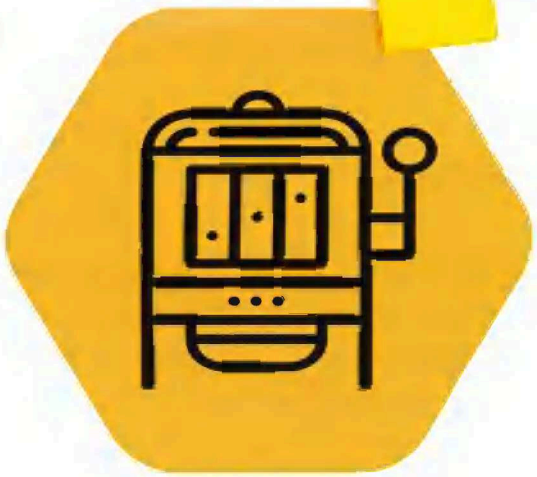

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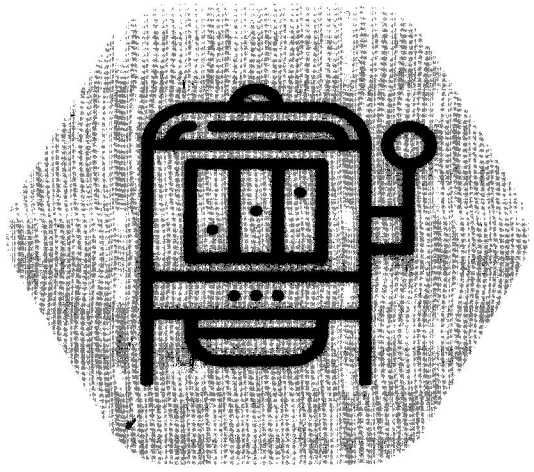

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Submission on Hutt City Council's Gambling Venue Policy

Introduction

Four Winds Foundation Limited is a national gaming trust. We have the following four venues in Hutt City:

- Fitzroy Hotel – 18 gaming machines.
- Hutt Park Hotel – 18 gaming machines.
- Sin Bin – 18 gaming machines.

Four Winds asks that the Hutt City Council:

- Retains the current relocation provision (option 2).
- Retains the current cap (option 2).

I do not wish to speak at the upcoming oral hearing.

Social Impact Assessment

The Social Impact Assessment commissioned by Council contains a number of errors. The Assessment has also cherry-picked data and research, indicating an anti-gambling bias.

The Assessment states at page 22 that "all clients assisted" in 2017/18 totalled almost 500 people and suggests that presentation rates are increasing by 69 percent. In fact, the number of clients assisted in Hutt City in 2017/18 was 247 (half that stated in the Assessment) and presentation rates are falling (not rapidly increasing).

The Ministry of Health keeps a record[1] of the number of people in each territorial authority who seek help via phone, text, email or the face-to-face counselling services that are available. The presentation data for all clients assisted (including brief interventions) are as follows:

2019/20	new clients 100	total clients seen 134
2018/19	new clients 88	total clients seen 127
2017/18	new clients 204	total clients seen 247
2016/17	new clients 155	total clients seen 189
2015/16	new clients 181	total clients seen 221
2014/15	new clients 191	total clients seen 221

[1] https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addiction/addiction/gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data

The Social Impact Assessment also fails to have regard to the gaming machine money used by clubs locally to benefit the club's own members. The Assessment leaves the reader with the impression that all the money spent at club venues is being allocated and spent in other areas, when 100% of the club gaming money is retained locally and used to provide a local benefit. The club information is easily ascertainable. Each club is required to publish its accounts on the incorporated societies website or the friendly societies website. Given that Hutt City has a very large club venue, the Petone Workingmen's Club, the authorised purpose/grant information presented in the Assessment is grossly misleading.

Retaining the Venue Relocation Provision

Four Winds asks that council retains the provision that enables existing gaming venues to relocate from suburban areas to the Petone Commercial and the Central Commercial areas.

Venue relocation is a harm minimisation tool. The ability to relocate under the Gambling Act was the product of a Maori Party Bill aimed at reducing gambling-related harm. Venue relocation enables venues to move out of high deprivation areas and residential areas to more suitable areas, such as central business districts and industrial zones.

Permitting relocation also enables venues to move from large, rundown premises to new, modern, smaller premises. It is common following relocation for the relocated venue to have a more upmarket offering, a greater focus on food, and a more affluent clientele. This is positive from a gambling harm minimisation perspective. Having, new, modern, attractive venues is also positive as it revitalises business districts, making the hospitality precinct a more desirable location for both local residents and visitors to the district.

Relocation is also an important health and safety tool. Permitting relocation enables venues to move out of buildings that have poor earthquake ratings, to stronger buildings that have higher earthquake ratings. Council should be supportive of its residents socialising and working in buildings that are safe; not adopting policies that entrench local people in high-risk locations.

It is common for taverns and clubs to be located on large areas of land. Relocation enables these taverns and clubs to move to smaller premises, thereby freeing up large sections of land for better purposes, such as high-density affordable housing.

Allowing relocation also creates fairness for local business owners following a natural disaster, fire, lease termination, site redevelopment, or public works acquisition.

Without a relocation provision, landlords know that their tenant is unable to move to avoid rent increases or unreasonable lease terms. Allowing relocation prevents landlords extracting unreasonable rentals and imposing draconian terms.

Not allowing relocation simply entrenches existing venues in premises that are rundown and located in undesirable areas.

Gaming Machine Cap

The current cap that allows for a small amount of additional growth should be retained.

Gaming machines in New Zealand exist for the sole purpose of community fundraising. One hundred percent of the profits from the gaming machines owned by societies such as Four Winds are returned to the community via grants. The funding is significant. In 2019, Four Winds made 140 grants totalling $869,503.00 to organisations based in Hutt City. Enclosed is a schedule detailing some of the recent grants made.

The grant funding is entirely dependent on local hospitality venues being able to host gaming machines. A restrictive policy that results in decreasing numbers of gaming venues removes the community fundraising infrastructure, and will ultimately result in the loss of a valuable funding source.

In order to ensure that the community funding remains sustainable, the policy should continue to allow for a small number of additional venues to be established as Hutt City grows; or at the very least, for the current number of gaming venues to remain.

Evidenced-Based Decision Making

Four Winds asks that the emotion and politics be taken out of the policy review and a decision on the future of the policy be made based on the evidence. The following table separates the fact from fiction.

Fiction	**Fact**
Gaming trusts target Māori and Pacific Island People in poor areas.	Areas such as Thames Coromandel, McKenzie District and Waitomo have traditionally had a higher gaming machine density than Manukau or Porirua.
Gaming machines are designed to be addictive.	The allegation that gaming machines are designed to be addictive was recently tested in the Australian Federal Court in the case *Guy v Crown Melbourne Ltd*. The Court found that there was no evidence that gaming machines are designed to be addictive. In fact, all aspects of the machines, including items such as how fast the reels may spin, are highly regulated and controlled.

Problem gambling services are stretched and underfunded	Problem gambling services are extremely well funded in New Zealand. The gambling industry funds the treatment services via the problem gambling levy. This fund generates $20 million each year.
One new gaming machine results in one new problem gambler.	Not in New Zealand. The study that made this suggestion was an Australian study. When you look at the New Zealand data in isolation, there is no direct link between gaming machine numbers and problem gamblers.
40% of gaming machine revenue is generated from problem gamblers.	The 40% figure comes from a 2010 Australian Government Productivity Commission Report. The 2011 paper that reviewed this finding suggested that the spending by problem gamblers was in fact between 10% and 20%.
Problem gambling is a major problem in New Zealand	No one wants problem gambling. The industry works hard to prevent and mitigate the harm from problem gambling. In fact, New Zealand has one of the lowest problem gambling rates in the world (0.2% of the adult population).
More gaming machines will mean more problem gambling.	It is not as simple as 'more machines means more problem gambling'. When gaming machine numbers have gone up, the problem gambling rate has not increased. When gaming machine numbers have dropped, the problem gambling rate has stayed the same.
Gaming machines have a negative economic impact.	In addition to the community grants, the gaming machine industry in New Zealand is a major employer and provides significant funds to the Government by way of taxation revenue. The sector has an overall positive economic benefit.
Problem gamblers won't migrate to online gambling.	New Zealanders gambled $300 million with offshore online providers in 2017. The TAB's online market is now 59.2% of all turnover. The online gambling spend is growing annually at between 12% and 20%.

Online Gambling

It is lawful to participate in online gambling in New Zealand. All the gaming machine games currently available at the local venues can be easily found and quickly played online.

There is no question that New Zealanders love gambling online. The Lotteries Commission reported in its 2016/17 Annual Report that online sales accounted for 13 per cent of its total sales, compared with 10 per cent the previous year. The New Zealand Racing Board noted in its latest six-monthly report that online channels made up 59.2 per cent of its betting turnover, up 2.2 percentage points on last year. It also said that its online platforms were the fastest-growing channels.

A September 2018 Cabinet paper on online gambling cites research suggesting that New Zealanders gambled approximately $300 million with offshore providers in 2017, with the market growing annually at between 12 and 20 per cent.

The Cabinet paper notes that health professionals and gambling harm treatment providers have expressed concern that online gambling may be more harmful than some existing forms of gambling. The paper continues by stating "**It [online gambling] has the potential to drive changes in behaviour to a greater, and more harmful, extent than some land-based gambling**."

Adopting a restrictive gambling venue policy will accelerate the migration of the gambling spend to online providers. The offshore-based online providers do not make any community grants, do not create any local employment, do not pay any taxes to the New Zealand Government, do not contribute to the cost of providing the local problem gambling treatment services, and operate in an unregulated space driven entirely by profit without regard to harm prevention and minimisation.

Randal Godfrey
General Manager
Four Winds Foundation

HUTT CITY COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING AND BOARD VENUE POLICY 2021

Gerhart Berking
National Health Promotion Lead
Mapu Maia

This Mapu Maia submission was drafted by Mapu Maia. Although it contains some content included in the PGF Group submission (which Mapu Maia endorses), some sections specifically focus on the policy's impact on Pasifika peoples in Hutt City Council.

Executive Summary

Mapu Maia is a Pacific problem gambling service dedicated to promoting and protecting the public health of all Pasifika peoples living in New Zealand. Mapu Maia advocates for better policies which will reduce gambling harm in the community and enable the resilience and health of Pasifika.

We commend the Council's wellbeing approach and appreciate the strong gambling harm minimisation focus as well as further efforts to remove gaming machines from Council-owned buildings and not applying for Class 4 funding. This draft policy is one of the best Class 4 gambling policies we have seen from a council in recent years.

The NZIER report for Council illustrates that Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) in Hutt City have reduced 12.9% between March 2015 and December 2020. However, EGMs remain in close proximity to our most deprived communities; there are approximately 22% of the TLA region's machines situated in its most deprived communities (NZDep18 level 10) and no machines in its least deprived communities.

While these factors remain, harm will continue for the most vulnerable communities of New Zealand, including Pasifika who reside in high deprivation suburbs. It is important to note that the extent of harm cannot be measured by presentations to treatment services alone, because evidence shows that most people do not present to services for help. In addition to this, research supports that Pasifika people, who make up 8.1% of the New Zealand population, are more likely to live in areas with higher deprivation and greater opportunities to gamble, aggravating factors which contribute to gambling and potential gambling-related harm.[6]

Measuring gambling harm is often referred to as the tip of the iceberg because each person with a gambling problem affects six other people.[1] Pasifika people are more than twice as likely to experience harm than those identifying as European/Other.[2]

Class 4 Gambling in New Zealand and Hutt City

Expenditure on the four major sectors of gambling in New Zealand in the 2018/19 financial year was $2.4 billion, continuing a trend of increases since 2009/10 (Appendix 3). Class 4 gambling accounted for 38.46% of the 2018/19 spend with $924 million, a figure which has also risen each year since 2013/14 (the 2017/18 Class 4 component was $895 million).

As at 30, June 2021, there were 29 Class 4 gambling venues in the Hutt City Council area, hosting between them 438 EGMs. With the exception of 2020, the Lower Hutt region has followed the national trend of a general growth in annual GMP. The largest spike was in 2019 with approximately $29.8 million being lost to EGMs in Lower Hutt.

When looking at the distribution of harm according to gambling mode in clients seeking full intervention, Ministry of Health data for 2019/20 shows that of the 4,439 individuals who received support for their own or someone else's gambling, 2,098 (47.26%) were for Class 4 EGMs[7].

Primary Mode	Full Interventions	Percentage
Non-Casino Gaming Machines (EGMs or Pokies)	2,098	47.26%
Lotteries Commission Products	508	11.44%
Casino Table Games (inc. Electronic)	485	10.92%
Casino Gaming Machines (EGMs or Pokies)	414	9.32%
TAB (NZ Racing Board)	405	9.12%
Housie	85	1.91%
Cards	55	1.24%
Other	390	8.79%
Total	**4,439**	**100%**

Social cost of gambling

Harmful gambling and children

Children suffer greatly as a result of harmful gambling. They can regularly miss out on basic essentials if a parent has gambled away household money and there is a far greater risk the children of problem gamblers will inherit the same issue themselves.[3] One in five Pacific youth recorded that they worry about the level of gambling in their homes, with one in nine experiencing at least one household problem.[6]

Family problems and violence

The Ministry of Health and Auckland University of Technology have recently released research highlighting the links between problem gambling and family violence. Fifty per cent of participants (people seeking help from problem gambling services) claimed to be victims of family violence, and 44% of participants claimed to be perpetrators of family violence, in the past year.[4] People living in areas of high social deprivation were 4.5 times as likely to experience gambling-related arguments or money problems related to gambling. As mentioned in this submission, Pasifika are over-represented in highly deprived communities, thus making the establishment of pokie machines in Pacific-dense areas a concern.[2]

Further action in implementing a true sinking lid for Hutt City

Mapu Maia submits that a comprehensive sinking lid, with no relocations or club mergers permitted, is the best policy to control the growth of gambling and minimise harm. A comprehensive sinking lid policy will ensure that Pasifika, among other at-risk groups will be protected in that there can be no expansion of Class 4 establishments, only gradual decline. This type of policy ensures pokies that currently exist cannot move to another venue.

Over 20 of the 67 TLAs around New Zealand have already introduced sinking lid policies. This is partly driven by strong public opinion about harm and partly TLAs' concern to promote community wellbeing. This is consistent with the purpose of the Gambling Act 2003 and section 4 where the definition of gambling harm includes harm to society at large.

A sinking lid policy is compromised where machine relocation is permitted and/or venues and clubs are permitted to merge. Allowing EGMs to be moved around an area means the machine numbers stay the same. Allowing mergers also enables the maintenance of existing numbers and risks creating 'pokie hubs'. Research supports the argument that increased numbers of EGMs leads to increased problem gambling prevalence.[5]

Mapu Maia advocates for the health of all Pasifika living in Lower Hutt irrespective of whether they reside in the most deprived suburbs or not. We support a comprehensive sinking lid policy with prohibition of venue relocation/mergers so harm isn't simply shifted from one community to another.

Mapu Maia recommendations on gambling policy

We strongly support Hutt City Council's wellbeing approach to adopt a sinking lid. We believe that this decision is an important step towards preventing and minimising gambling harm for those in Lower Hutt.

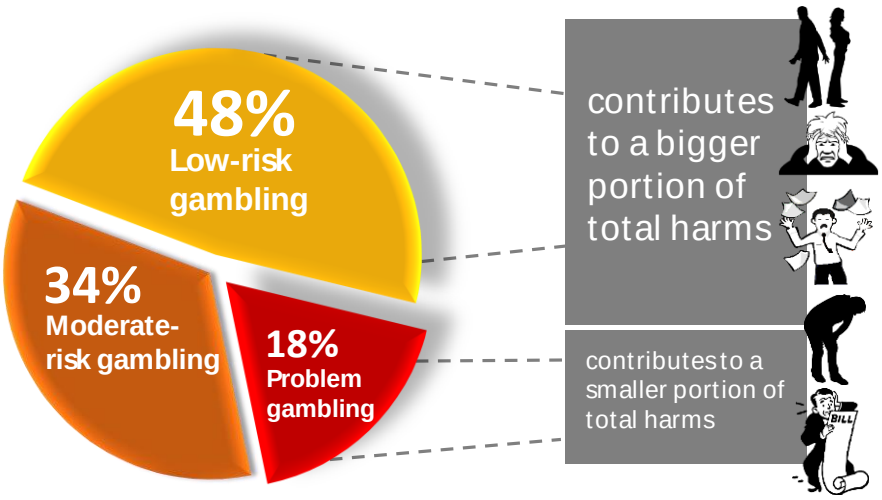
We submit that an adopted sinking lid policy should include the following three provisions:

1. A ban on any new venues – no permit will be given to operate any new Class 4 gambling venues in the Council area if that venue proposes having EGMs, including TAB venues.
2. No relocations – if a venue with EGMs closes for any reason, the council will not permit the EGMs to be relocated to any venue within the Council area.
3. No mergers – there will be no merging of Class 4 venues under any circumstances.

Appendices

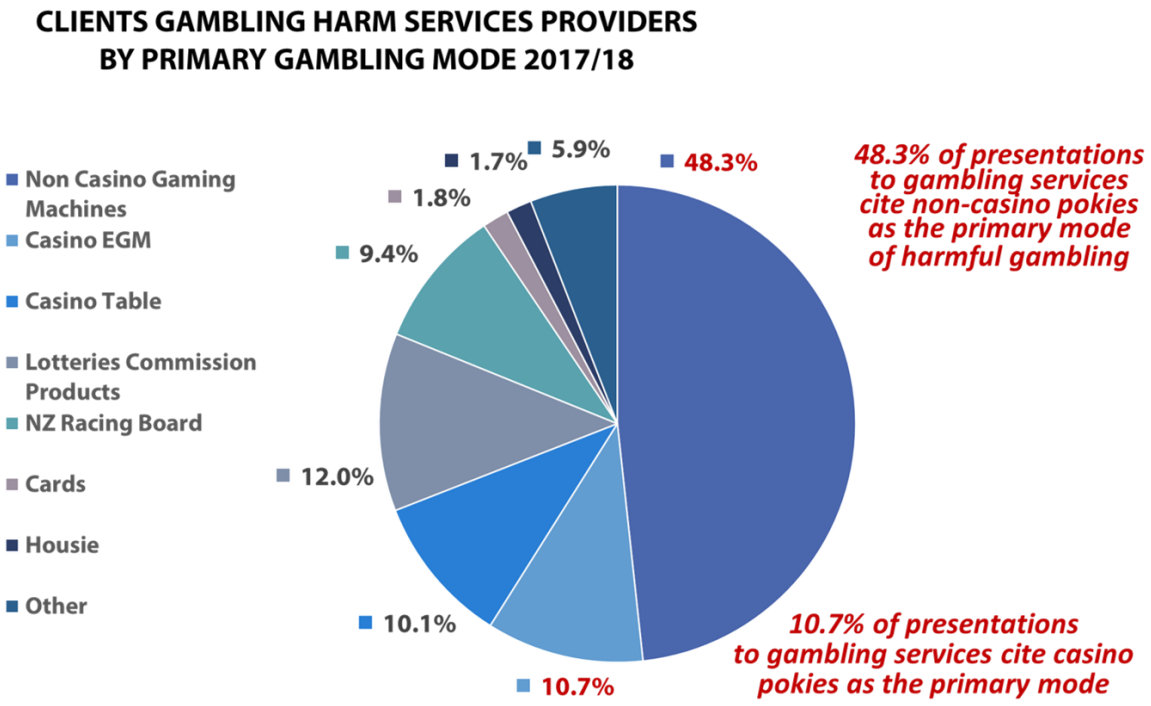
Appendix 1. Measure of gambling-related harm

Central Queensland University and Auckland University of Technology. (2017). *Measuring the Burden of Gambling Harm in New Zealand*. Wellington: Ministry of Health.



Appendix 2. Clients assisted by primary gambling mode

Ministry of Health Manatū Hauora. (2019). *Clients assisted by primary problem gambling mode* [Excel spreadsheet]. Retrieved from www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data#ppgm



Appendix 3. Gambling expenditure statistics

Department of Internal Affairs Te Tari Taiwhenua. (2020). *2011-2019 Gambling Expenditure Statistics* [XLSX]. Retrieved from www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Gambling-Expenditure-Statistics

Gambling operators' key financial statistics (actual)

All values are actual (not inflation adjusted), in NZ dollars, GST inclusive and rounded to the nearest million ($'000000).

Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs

Financial Year	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
NZ Racing Board (TAB)									
Expenditure	273	283	294	310	325	342	338	350	332
Prizes (dividends)	1,261	1,336	1,422	1,522	1,748	1,928	1,907	1,913	1,926
Turnover	1,533	1,619	1,717	1,833	2,073	2,270	2,245	2,262	2,258
NZ Lotteries Commission									
Expenditure	404	419	432	463	420	437	555	561	530
Prizes	521	529	515	526	473	537	652	686	645
Turnover	926	948	947	989	894	974	1,207	1,246	1,175
Gambing Machines (outside casinos)									
Expenditure	856	854	827	806	818	843	870	895	924
Prizes	8,365	8,395	8,166	7,976	8,141	8,550	8,931	9,154	9,440
Turnover	9,222	9,245	8,995	8,783	8,949	9,393	9,801	10,049	10,364
Casinos									
Expenditure	448	483	490	486	527	586	572	578	616
Total									
Expenditure	1,982	2,038	2,042	2,065	2,091	2,209	2,334	2,383	2,402

Note: This table must be read in conjunction with the explanations included with this data release (tab 4).
Totals may differ from the sum of column entries due to rounding.
With each new release of this information, gambling operators review their previous years' data and, where necessary, provide revised information.
Please disregard previously released gambling expenditure statistics for the above financial years.

Disclaimer: The Department has compiled these statistics using information from the Electronic Monitoring System and gambling operators.
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The Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand's Submission on Hutt City Council's Gambling Venue Policy

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Introduction

1. The Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand ("the Association") represents the vast majority of the gaming machine societies that operate in New Zealand. The Association wishes to provide council with pertinent information regarding gaming machine gambling to help council to make a balanced, evidence-based decision.

Summary

2. The Association supports option 2, the status quo policy.

3. The Association opposes the:

   - Introduction of a sinking lid; and
   - The removal of the ability for suburban venues to relocate to the CBD.

Gaming Machine Funding

4. The Gambling Act 2003 seeks to balance the potential harm from gambling against the benefits of using gaming machines as a mechanism for community fundraising.

5. In 2019, approximately $294m of grant funding was approved across 26,337 grants to 9,688 different organisations.[1] In addition, over $75m was applied (generated by community organisations and used by those organisations to support their own community or sporting causes). This includes $50m by various RSAs and Workingmen's Clubs, $17m by TAB New Zealand, and $8m by Youthtown. Of the grants distributed in 2019, 52% were sports-related. The second most popular category was community (19.7%). This funding is crucial.

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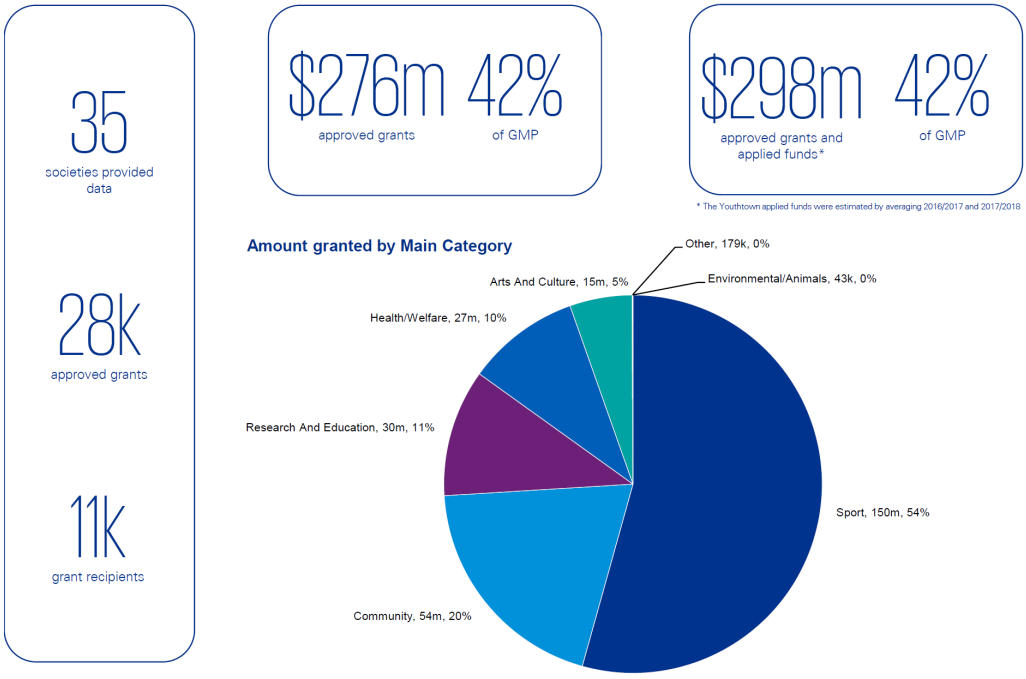
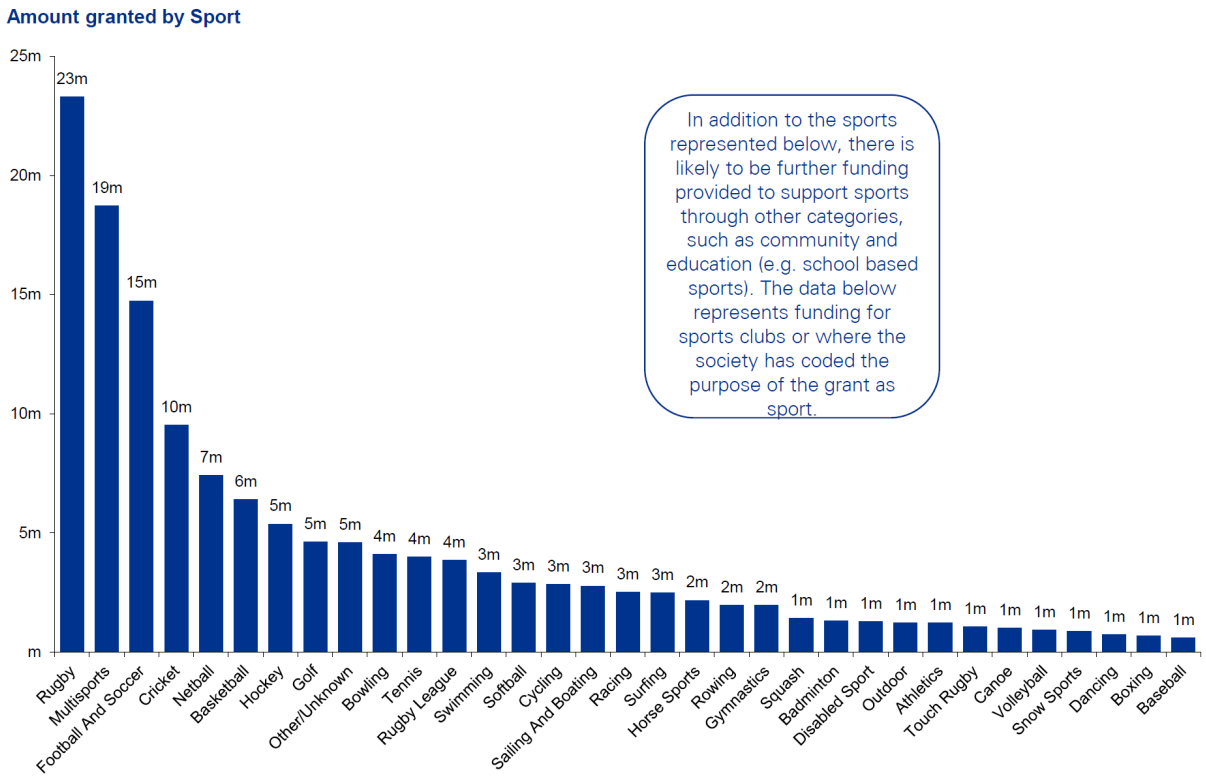
[1] http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gaming_Machine_Grant_Data_2019.pdf





6. The local benefit from the gaming machine funding includes the following three categories:

- The external grants made to local community groups;
- The external grants made to national and regional organisations that provide services and support locally; and

- The gaming profits used by local club venues to fund the upkeep of their clubrooms and to provide sporting and recreational facilities to their members.

External Grants

7. Attached are the 2019 grant data for Hutt City. This information was compiled by KPMG as part of a joint project between the Department of Internal Affairs, Sport New Zealand, and the Association.

8. In 2019, 233 Hutt City community and sporting organisations received **$5,238,691.00** in grants. A total of 747 individual grants were made by 10 different gaming societies.

9. Examples of recent local grants include:

$13,000.00 to Glennette Marching Club

$30,685.00 to Hutt Valley Kindergartens Association

$310,751.00 to Stop Out Sports Club

$26,107.00 to Hoop Club Incorporated

$80,000.00 to Māori Basketball New Zealand

$58,000.00 to Netball Hutt Valley Centre

$106,371.00 to Hutt Valley High School Parents Association

$42,362.00 to Te Omanga Hospice Trust

10. The Social Impact Assessment report quotes grant data provided by the Problem Gambling Foundation and suggests that external grants in 2019 were $4,800,000.00 (exactly).

11. Care must be taken when reviewing any grant data presented by the Problem Gambling Foundation. The Problem Gambling Foundation is not funded to gather this data. In contrast, the Association's data is a joint project between the Department of Internal Affairs, Sport New Zealand, and the Association. The Problem Gambling Foundation data is typically less than the Association's data, as the Problem Gambling Foundation's data is gathered from society websites, and not all societies publish their authorised purpose payments. Further, if the grant recipient's name does not indicate that it is located within the territorial authority, the amount of that grant is not included in the Problem Gambling Foundation's figures.

Grants to National and Regional Organisations

12. Approximately 6% of all grants are made to national and regional organisations. For example, if St John sought funding for a new ambulance for the Hutt City station, the funding application would be made by the Auckland-based head office, and the funding allocated to Auckland, despite the grant having a direct benefit to Hutt City. Another example is the grants made to support the Hutt City coastguard services. These grants are made to Coastguard Wellington and allocated to Wellington City.

13. National and regional grants in 2019 totalled $51m. Hutt City accounts for 3.17% of the national gaming revenue. Using this same percentage, it is reasonable to estimate that 3.17% of the national grants pool benefited Hutt City. The benefit is therefore $1.6m.

Club Authorised Purpose Payments

14. There are five clubs that operate gaming in Hutt City:

- Petone Working Men's Club & Literary Institute 30 gaming machines
- Naenae Bowling Club 12 gaming machines
- Te Aroha Hutt Valley Association 10 gaming machines

- The Stokes Valley Memorial RSA 7 gaming machines

- Wainuiomata Bowling Club 5 gaming machines

15. The gaming machine proceeds are used by these clubs to benefit the very members who play the machines. All the money remains within the local economy. Clubs are required to publish their accounts on the Incorporated Societies website or the Friendly Societies website. The accounts set out the gross gaming revenue, the gaming profits, and how the profits are allocated.

16. In the year ended 31 March 2019, the Naenae Bowling Club made a profit of $87,766.00 from its gaming machines and used this money for maintenance of its greens, repairs and maintenance to the clubrooms, and electricity (along with other non-bar-related operational costs).

17. In the year ended 30 June 2021, the Petone Working Men's Club & Literary Institute (a friendly society) made a profit of $1,466,612.00 from its gaming machines and used this money for the upkeep and running of the club including insurance, car park rental, rates ($109,222.00 paid to Hutt City Council) and repairs and maintenance of the club buildings. A total of $35,141.00 was used to assist the club's sporting adjuncts. A total of $17,936.00 was used to make external grants such as grants to Heartkids Wellington and Coastguard Wellington.

18. The other three clubs had combined gaming machine profits of approximately $100,000.00 and used these funds for the maintenance and upkeep of their clubrooms and to support the sporting and recreational endeavours of their members.

Total Benefit from Gaming Funds

19. The total benefit from gaming funds per annum is approximately $8.5m being:

    - $5.2m in external grants to local community and sporting groups;

    - $1.6m in national and regional grants that provide a local benefit; and

    - $1.7m in club authorised purpose payments.

20. In addition to the above $8.5m, there is a local benefit that is derived from the money that is applied by TAB New Zealand from its four local gaming venues.

<u>Concerns with the Social Impact Assessment</u>

21. The Social Impact Assessment contains an anti-gambling bias. Selective data have been used and quoted. When more recent research and data are available that indicate a contrary view, the contrary research and data are not cited.

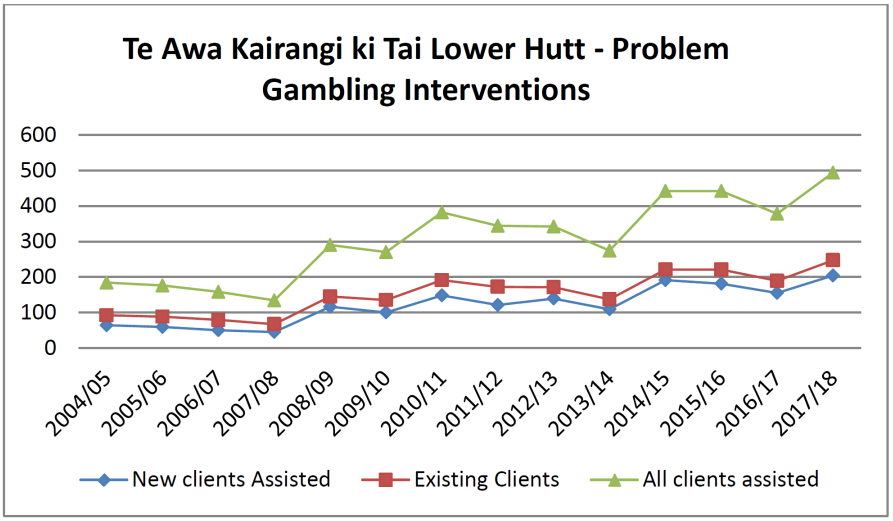
22. The Social Impact Assessment quotes the Problem Gambling Foundation grants data, despite the Problem Gambling Foundation themselves acknowledging that their data are incomplete and inaccurate. The Assessment does not quote the more accurate and

reliable information prepared by KPMG at the request of the Department of Internal Affairs, Sport New Zealand, and the Association.

23. The Social Impact Assessment suggests that only 16.2% of gaming proceeds are returned locally. The Assessment does not acknowledge that 100% of the club gaming machine money is used/spent locally. The Assessment has no regard to grants made to national and regional organisations that have a local benefit.

24. The Social Impact Assessment suggests that there has been a 69% increase in the number of people in Hutt City seeking help for problem gambling (extract from page 22 below).

Intervention client data – clients seen by Ministry of Health funded intervention services in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt:



[1] New Clients – The number of clients that have contacted an intervention service for the first time in the period for psychosocial support either by phone or face-to-face in this Territorial Authority
[2] Total number clients assisted in this year in this Territorial Authority (includes new clients and clients who first contacted a service in a previous year)

The total number of clients seen by intervention services in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt has increased by 69 percent between 2013/14 (171) and 2017/18 (247).

25. The report selectively picks the lowest year (2013/14) and compares this with 2017/18. Had the report compared the period when the policy first came into place (2014/2015) with the latest data available (2019/20), the report would have noted that in fact there has been a substantial decrease in help seeking.

26. In 2014/15 the total number of interventions (all interventions) was 221. In 2019/20 this reduced to 134.[2]

27. In 2014/15 the total number of interventions (excluding brief interventions – which is the preferred and more accurate method of calculation) was 81. In 2019/20 this reduced to 48.[3]

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2 https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addiction/addiction/gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data#territorial

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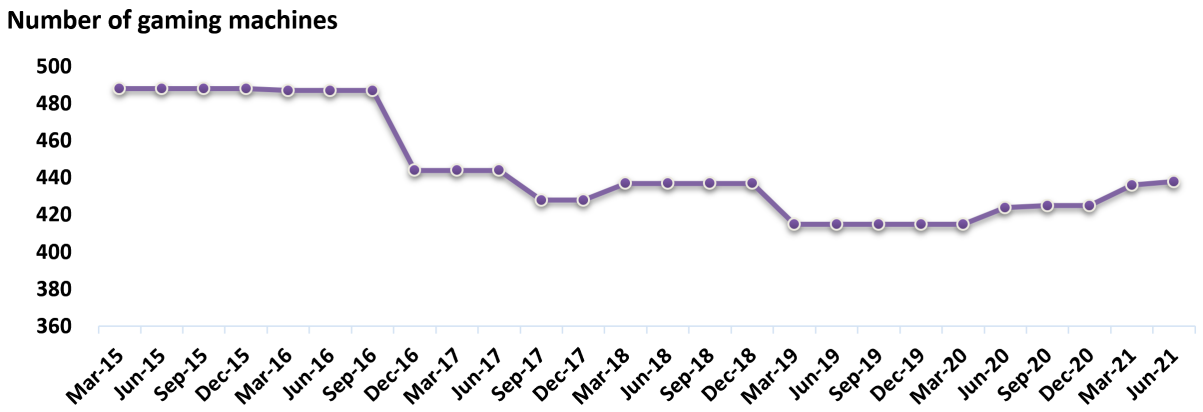
28. The Social Impact Assessment quotes The Salvation Army and Problem Gambling Foundation's retail sector report, without acknowledging that the report fails to take into consideration the economic value currently generated by the gambling sector, and as such is a misrepresentation of the net value of a move of gambling spend from gambling to retail (further details below).

The Current Gambling Venue Policy is Working

29. The current gambling venue policy has in fact worked. Local gaming machine numbers have reduced by around 10%; by 50 machines since the current policy was put in place. Local problem gambling presentation rates have fallen during the period of the current policy.



30. While expenditure has increased, this does not mean that more harm is being caused. It simply means that more people are playing the machines as their choice of an entertainment activity.

Gambling is an Enjoyable Activity

31. Gambling is a popular form of entertainment that most New Zealanders participate in. The 2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey[4] found that 67.2% of adult New Zealanders had participated in some form of gambling in the previous 12 months (estimated to be 2,650,000 adults).

> **7 in 10 New Zealand adults take part in some form of gambling at least once a year – 1 in 500 New Zealand adults has a gambling problem.**

4 https://www.hpa.org.nz/research-library/research-publications/2018-health-and-lifestyles-survey-methodology-report

32. The majority of people who gamble do so because they find it an enjoyable activity. This is observed by Suits (1979, p. 155)[5], who states:

> Gambling is a recreational activity or a kind of participation sport from which the principal satisfaction derives from the activity itself and from the ebb and flow of wins and losses rather than from ultimate outcome - the net amount won or lost. For most gamblers, the purpose of gambling is not to get rich, but to "have fun," to experience "excitement," or to have "something to look forward to," and they view payment for this recreation in the same light as others look on outlays for theatre tickets, vacation trips, or a night on the town.

33. Gambling for the non-addicted gambler may also be an avenue for socialising, stress relief and a way of having fun. Contrary to how it may appear from a non-gambler's perspective, gamblers do not necessarily anticipate they will make money from gambling. Parke (2015)[6] states:

> Players mostly realise that they are paying for a leisure experience. They are not expecting to be paid, except for a small minority, who are going to earn an income as a professional gambler.

<u>Positive Wellbeing Impact From Gambling in New Zealand</u>

34. The 2021 TDB Advisory report, Gambling in New Zealand: A National Wellbeing Analysis[7], found that gambling in New Zealand had a net positive wellbeing benefit totalling around $1.74b to $2.16b per annum.

5 Suits, D. (1979). The Elasticity of Demand for Gambling. The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 93(1), 155–162. https://doi.org/10.2307/1882605

6 Parke, J. (2015). Gambling, leisure and pleasure: Exploring psychosocial need satisfaction in gambling. Presentation at the KPMG eGaming summit. https://assets.kpmg/content/dam/kpmg/pdf/2016/07/im-esummit-report-2015.pdf.

7 https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gambling_in_New_Zealand.pdf

Revenue Breakdown

35. The return to players on a non-casino gaming machine is required to be set between 78% and 92%, with most being set at 91.5%. On average, for every $1.00 gambled, 91.5 cents is returned to the player in winnings. The money retained is typically allocated as follows:

Typical Distribution of Gaming Machine Profits

	GST Inclusive	GST Exclusive
Government Duty	20%	23%
GST	13.04%	0
Problem Gambling Levy	0.78%	0.90%
DIA Costs	2.9%	3.33%
Gaming Machine Depreciation	6.95%	8%
Repairs & Maintenance	2.84%	3.27%
Venue Costs	13.9%	16%
Society Costs	1.74%	2%
Donations	37.83%	43.5%

Gaming Machines – Key Facts

36. Gaming machines have been present in New Zealand communities since the early 1980s. Initially the machines were operated without a gaming licence. The first gaming licence was issued to Pub Charity on 25 March 1988, over 33 years ago.

37. Gaming machine numbers are in natural decline. In 2003, New Zealand had 25,221 gaming machines. In June 2021, New Zealand had 14,704 gaming machines.

38. The proceeds from non-casino gaming machines increased 3.1% from $895 million in 2018 to $924 million in 2019. However, after adjusting for both inflation and changes in the adult population, expenditure on non-casino gaming machines is declining ($242 per person in both 2015/16 and 2016/17 years to $238 in the 2017/18 year). This coincides with declining numbers of venues and machines.

39. New Zealand has a very low problem gambling rate by international standards. The New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 4 (2015)[8] found the problem gambling rate was 0.2% of people aged 18 years and over (approximately 8,000 people nationally). The problem gambling rate is for all forms of gambling, not just gaming machine gambling.

40. All gaming machine societies contribute to a problem gambling fund. This fund provides approximately $20 million per annum to the Ministry of Health to support and treat gambling addiction and to increase public awareness. The funding is ring-fenced and not able to be redirected to other health areas.

41. An excellent, well-funded problem gambling treatment service exists. The problem gambling helpline is available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Free, confidential help is

[8] https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/national-gambling-study-report-6-aug18.pdf

available in 40 different languages. Free face-to-face counselling is also available and specialist counselling is available for Māori, Pasifika and Asian clients. An anonymous, free text service (8006) is available. Support via email is also available (help@pgfnz.org.nz).

Existing Gaming Machine Safeguards

42. A sinking lid is not necessary given the significant measures that are already in place to minimise the harm from gaming machines.

43. Limits exist on the type of venues that can host gaming machines. The primary activity of all gaming venues must be focused on persons over 18 years of age. For example, it is prohibited to have gaming machines in venues such as sports stadiums, internet cafes, and cinemas.

44. There is a statutory age limit that prohibits persons under 18 years of age playing a gaming machine.

45. There are very restrictive limits on the amount of money that can be staked and the amount of prize money that can be won. The maximum stake is $2.50. The maximum prize for a non-jackpot machine is $500.00. The maximum prize for a jackpot-linked machine is $1,000.00.

46. All gaming machines in New Zealand have a feature that interrupts play and displays a pop-up message. The pop-up message informs the player of the duration of the player's session, the amount spent and the amount won or lost. A message is then displayed asking the player whether they wish to continue with their session or collect their credits.

47. Gaming machines in New Zealand do not accept banknotes above $20.00 in denomination.

48. ATMs are excluded from all gaming rooms.

49. All gaming venues have a harm minimisation policy.

50. All gaming venues have pamphlets that provide information about the characteristics of problem gambling and how to seek advice for problem gambling.

51. All gaming venues have signage that encourages players to gamble only at levels they can afford. The signage also details how to seek assistance for problem gambling.

52. All gaming venue staff are required to have undertaken comprehensive problem gambling awareness and intervention training.

53. Any person who advises that they have a problem with their gambling is required to be excluded from the venue.

54. It is not permissible for a player to play two gaming machines at once.

55. All gaming machines have a clock on the main screen. All gaming machines display the odds of winning.

56. The design of a gaming machine is highly regulated and controlled. For example, a gaming machine is not permitted to generate a result that indicates a near win (for example, if five symbols are required for a win, the machine is not permitted to intentionally generate four symbols in a row).

57. It is not permissible to use the word "jackpot" or any similar word in advertising that is visible from outside a venue.

Burden of Harm Report

58. In May 2017, a report titled *Measuring the Burden of Gambling Harm* was produced for the Ministry of Health. In the report, "low risk" gambling, such as buying a Lotto ticket, was claimed to be as bad for a gambler's health as the untreated amputation of a leg, while "problem gambling" was claimed to be as bad as suffering from a severe stroke or terminal cancer.

59. A review of the study's methodology produced by TDB Advisory[9] concludes that these outlandish comparisons were made possible by a long line of deliberate selection biases and errors. The errors revealed by the TDB Advisory review include either deliberately or by mistake: using a biased population sample (participants were not randomly selected); attributing all harms to gambling and none to associated behaviours (such as smoking); and treating all harm as stemming 100% from gambling rather than allowing for the use of gambling as a coping mechanism or as a symptom of harms rather than the cause.

60. The Association has called for the report to be officially withdrawn, or to be subject to an official warning against its use.

A Concern with How Gamblers Spend their Disposable Income

61. The Salvation Army and Problem Gambling Foundation recently released a report commissioned from the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research suggesting that there would be significant economic benefit to the retail sector in both income and job creation if spending on gambling was halted. The report claims that this extra retail spending would generate an additional 1,127 full-time equivalent jobs for 1,724 workers, along with an additional $58m of GST revenue and additional income tax of $7m from the retail spend.

62. The report, however, fails to take into consideration the economic value currently generated by the gambling sector. The report specifically acknowledges that this was outside its scope. It is therefore a misrepresentation of the net value of such a move, given that it takes no account of the value that would be lost. What the Salvation Army and Problem Gambling Foundation appear to be saying is: let's take money – and jobs – away from the charity and not-for-profit sectors – health and rescue, education,

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9 http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/TDB_Advisory_Report.pdf

community and social support services, environment, and arts and heritage – and give it to the commercial sector.

63. A suggestion is also made that the increased retail spending would then result in the retail sector channelling its increased profits into things like sports sponsorship. It is, however, more likely that any increased profits from the retail spending would be retained by the business owners, many of whom are large corporates, based offshore.

64. The report fails to address the freedom of adult New Zealanders to do what they want with their discretionary spending. Ministry of Health data indicate that over 1.8 million adult New Zealanders enjoy spending their money on gaming machines, Lotto, Instant Kiwi, sports and track betting and other forms of gambling. That spending provides them with entertainment, relaxation and social interaction. Those benefits would be lost if people were not able to spend their money on gambling.

The "Costs of the System"

65. The Problem Gambling Foundation has also recently suggested that 60% of the revenue from gaming machines goes towards the costs of running the system (with the remaining 40% being the returns to the community). In fact, the community benefit is much more like 80%, with the approximately 40% share that makes up the various taxes, duties and GST in effect also being a community contribution, going into the public purse to contribute to public good. The actual 'running of the system' is only about 20%. This 20% represents money to businesses – local hospitality businesses, trusts, equipment providers and technicians – and a significant number of jobs in our cities, towns and communities.

The Status Quo Cap of 545 Machines is Reasonable

66. The status quo cap of 545 machines is reasonable, given the current environment of high regulation and naturally reducing machine numbers.

67. There is no direct correlation between gaming machine numbers and problem gambling rates. Over the last ten years, the problem gambling rate has remained the same, despite gaming machine numbers declining rapidly (4,618 gaming machines have been removed from the market).

68. The 2012 National Gambling Survey[10] concluded that the prevalence of problematic gambling reduced significantly during the 1990s and has since stayed about the same. The report stated on pages 17 and 18:

> Problem gambling and related harms probably reduced significantly during the 1990s but have since remained at about the same level despite reductions in non-casino EGM numbers and the expansion of regulatory, public health and treatment measures. Given that gambling availability expanded markedly since 1987 and official expenditure continued to increase until 2004, these findings are consistent with the adaptation hypothesis. This hypothesis proposes that while gambling problems increase when high risk forms of gambling are first introduced

[10] https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/national-gambling-study-report-2.docx

> and made widely available, over time individual and environmental adaptations occur that lead to problem reduction.

69. The New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 3 (2014)[11] noted that the problem gambling rate had remained the same over the last 10-15 years despite gaming machine numbers decreasing. The report stated on page 19:

> In contrast to the 1990s, there is no evidence that problem gambling prevalence decreased with decreasing participation rates during the 2000s. When methodological differences between studies are taken into account, it appears that problem gambling prevalence has remained much the same during the past 10 to 15 years.
>
> …gambling participation has decreased substantially in New Zealand during the past 20 years, and problem gambling and related harm has probably plateaued…

70. Professor Max Abbott is New Zealand's leading expert on problem gambling. In 2006, Professor Abbott published a paper titled *Do EGMs and Problem Gambling Go Together Like a Horse and Carriage?* The paper noted that gaming machine reductions and the introduction of caps generally appear to have little impact on problem gambling rates. Professor Abbott noted:

> EGM reductions and the introduction of caps generally appear to have little impact (page 1).
>
> Over time, years rather than decades, adaptation ('host' immunity and protective environmental changes) typically occurs and problem levels reduce, even in the face of increasing exposure (page 6).
>
> Contrary to expectation, as indicated previously, although EGM numbers and expenditure increased substantially in New Zealand from 1991 to 1999, the percentage of adults who gambled weekly dropped from 48% to 40%. This is of particular interest because it suggests that greater availability and expenditure do not necessarily increase high-risk exposure (page 14).

71. Introducing a sinking lid is unlikely to reduce problem gambling, but will, over time, reduce the amount of funding available to community groups based in Hutt City. Reducing gaming machine venues reduces casual and recreational play, and therefore reduces machine turnover and the amount of money generated for grant distribution. However, problem gamblers are people who are addicted to gambling. If a new bar is established and the policy prevents that bar from hosting gaming machines, a person who is addicted to gambling will simply travel the short distance to the next bar that has gaming machines, or worse, may move to another form of gambling such as offshore-based internet and mobile phone gambling.

<u>Unintended Consequences – Increase in Internet and Mobile Phone Gambling</u>

72. Any reduction in the local gaming machine offering may have unintended consequences, as this may simply lead to a migration of the gambling spend to offshore internet- and

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[11] https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/new-zealand-national-gambling-study-wave-3-2014

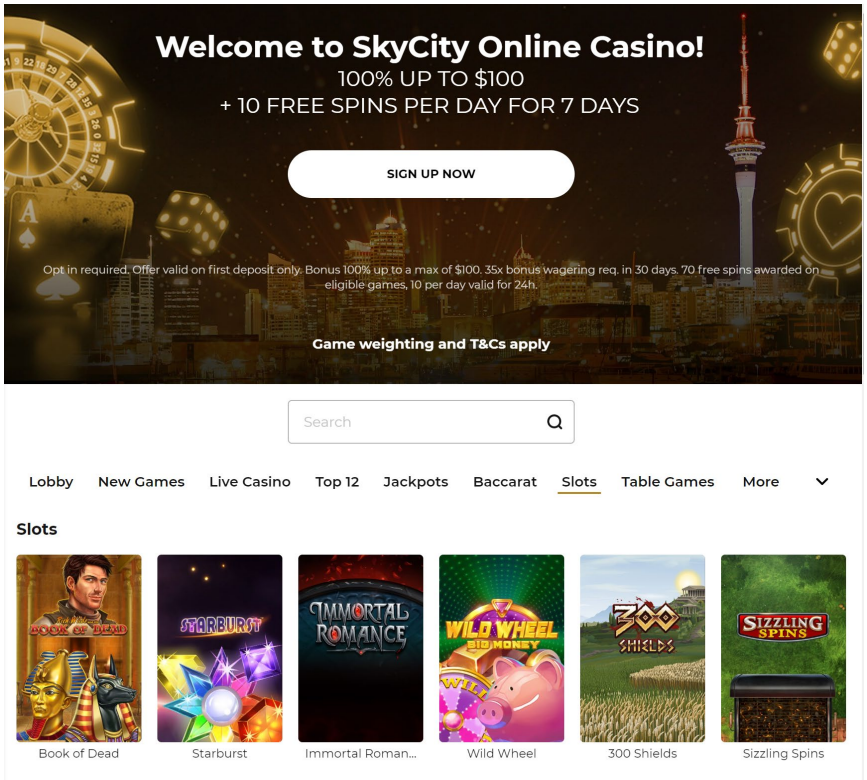
mobile-based offerings. While it is illegal to advertise overseas gambling in New Zealand, it is not illegal to participate in gambling on an overseas-based website or mobile phone application.

73. It now takes only a simple search and a few minutes to download to your computer, tablet or mobile phone any type of casino game you desire, including an exact replica of the gaming machine programs currently available in New Zealand venues.

74. There is no question that New Zealanders love gambling online. The Lotteries Commission reported in its 2017/18 Annual Report that online sales accounted for 16 per cent of its total sales ($201.1m), compared with 13 per cent the previous year.

75. TAB New Zealand noted in its latest six-monthly report that online channels made up 59.2 per cent of its betting turnover, up 2.2 percentage points on last year. It also said that its online platforms were the fastest-growing channels.

76. SkyCity has a very popular offshore-based online casino with a large selection of gaming machine games.



77. A September 2018 Cabinet paper[12] on online gambling cites research suggesting that New Zealanders gambled approximately $300 million with offshore providers in 2017, with the market growing annually at between 12 and 20 per cent.

78. The Cabinet paper notes that health professionals and gambling harm treatment providers have expressed concern that online gambling may be more harmful than some existing forms of gambling. The paper continues by stating "It [online gambling] has the potential to drive changes in behaviour to a greater, and more harmful, extent than some land-based gambling."

79. TAB New Zealand estimates that the total online spend with offshore gambling websites by New Zealanders for the 12 months to August 2020 was $570-$580m.

80. Offshore-based online gambling poses considerable risks because it:

- Is highly accessible, being available 24 hours a day from the comfort and privacy of your home;
- Has no restrictions on bet sizes;
- Has no capacity for venue staff to observe and assist people in trouble;
- Reaches new groups of people who may be vulnerable to the medium;
- Provides no guaranteed return to players;

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12 http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Online_gambling_Cabinet_paper.pdf

- Is more easily abused by minors;

- Has reduced protections to prevent fraud, money laundering or unfair gambling practices; and

- Is unregulated, so on-line gamblers are often encouraged to gamble more by being offered inducements or by being offered the opportunity to gamble on credit. For example, many overseas sites offer sizable cash bonuses to a customer's account for each friend that they induce to also open an account and deposit funds.

81. Offshore-based online gambling does not generate any community funding for New Zealanders, does not generate any tax revenue for the New Zealand Government, and does not make any contribution to the New Zealand health and treatment services as no contribution is made to the problem gambling levy.

The Removal of the Relocation Provisions is Opposed

82. In September 2013, Parliament recognised the merit in enabling venues to relocate, and expressly amended the Gambling Act 2003 to enable venues to relocate and retain the same number of machines when a relocation consent was obtained.

83. Venue relocation is a harm minimisation tool. Venue relocation allows venues to move out of a suburban/residential area to a more suitable area; the CBD. There is no good policy reason for taking steps to remove this option. Removing the option to relocate simply entrenches venues in undesirable residential locations.

84. The proposal to remove the relocation provision is directly contrary to what was approved by council in 2015 after a full public consultation process. There is no new evidence or data to justify a policy change.

85. The proposal to remove the relocation provision is contrary to the national trend. Over the last three years, almost all other councils that have reviewed their gambling venue policy have adopted some form of relocation provision. Currently, approximately 55 councils have a relocation policy in place.

86. Enabling relocation permits venues to re-establish after a natural disaster or fire.

87. Enabling relocation enables venues to move out of earthquake-prone buildings.

88. Enabling relocation allows venues to move away from large premises, with large car parking areas, where such land may be better used for affordable high-density housing.

89. The current relocation policy is positive as it assists with the revitalisation of the city. It allows gaming venues to move to new, modern, refurbished premises. Allowing local businesses to upgrade their premises and provide a more modern, attractive offering to

the public helps to revitalise business districts, improves the local economy, and encourages tourism.

90. The first venue to relocate under the amendments made to the Gambling Act 2003 was the Te Rapa Tavern in Hamilton. The photos below show the old rundown premises and the new modern premises. The redevelopment cost $3,000,000.

The old Te Rapa Tavern

The new Te Rapa Tavern

91. A venue is sometimes required to relocate to adjacent premises due to its fixed lease coming to an end or public works acquisition. When it is clear that the same business exists but has simply relocated a short distance, it is fair and reasonable for the policy to permit the venue to continue its current gaming machine operation.

92. Currently, once a venue has obtained a licence to host gaming machines its value is artificially increased. This often leads to landlords demanding higher than normal rentals. Allowing relocation prevents landlords demanding unreasonable rentals as it gives the venue operator the ability to relocate to an alternative venue.

Council Conflicts of Interest

93. It is important that the committee of councillors that determines the gambling venue policy reflects the full views of the community. It has, however, become common for councillors who are involved in community and sporting groups to withdraw from the gambling venue policy deliberation as they consider the receipt of funding by a group that they are associated with constitutes a conflict. It has also been common for councillors with very strong, pre-determined anti-gambling views to refuse to withdraw from the policy deliberation, despite their strongly held views.

94. The Association has sought independent legal advice (copy attached) from Brookfields Lawyers regarding gambling venue policy conflicts. In summary, the key advice is:

- Being a member of a club or organisation that receives funding from a gaming grant will not usually give rise to conflict of interest when it comes to deciding or discussing Council's gambling venue policy, unless that member holds a paid role (e.g., a coach who is paid for that service); and

- Where an elected member, outside of a debate on the issue, has expressed a view

on the gambling venue policy that suggests that they do not and cannot have an open mind on the matter, this could give rise to a conflict of interest on the grounds of predetermination.

Oral Hearing

95. Jarrod True, on behalf of the Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand, would like to make a presentation at the upcoming oral hearing.

18 October 2021

Jarrod True
Counsel
Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand

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Summary of Approved Grants in Lower Hutt City
For the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018

	2019			2018		
	Amount Approved	**No. Grants**	**Percentage**	**Amount Approved**	**No. Grants**	**Percentage**
Grants approved	$5,238,691	747		$5,245,516	857	
Entities receiving grants		283			367	
Societies approving grants		10			17	
Grants approved from the 2 largest providers						
Pelorus Trust	$1,493,268	233		$1,641,436	283	
Pub Charity Ltd	$954,196	173		$853,288	167	
	$2,447,464	406	47%	$2,494,724	450	48%

Grants Approved in Lower Hutt City by Society
For the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018

	2019			2018		
Society	**Amount Approved**	**No. Grants**	**Percentage**	**Amount Approved**	**No. Grants**	**Percentage**
Pelorus Trust	$1,493,268	233	29%	$1,641,436	283	
Pub Charity Ltd	$954,196	173	18%	$853,288	167	
Four Winds Foundation Ltd	$869,503	140	17%	$496,947	125	
Air Rescue and Community Services	$647,842	55	12%	$400,620	42	
One Foundation Ltd	$485,476	52	9%	$584,848	76	
NZCT	$342,147	36	7%	$443,240	44	
New Zealand Racing Board	$187,217	25	4%	$130,343	25	
The Lion Foundation	$108,713	12	2%	$443,543	32	
Trillian Trust	$80,000	1	2%	$25,000	2	
Infinity Foundation Ltd	$70,329	20	1%	$150,187	52	
CERT Your Local Gaming Trust Ltd	$0	0	0%	$48,565	2	
The Trust Community Foundation	$0	0	0%	$16,000	2	
North and South Trust	$0	0	0%	$5,000	1	
Blue Waters	$0	0	0%	$3,000	1	
Bendigo Valley	$0	0	0%	$2,000	1	
Dragon	$0	0	0%	$1,000	1	
BlueSky	$0	0	0%	$500	1	
	$5,238,691	747	100%	$5,245,516	857	0%

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Society	Amount Approved	No. Grants
Pelorus Trust	1,493,268	233
Pub Charity Ltd	954,196	173
Four Winds Foundation Ltd	869,503	140
Air Rescue and Community Services	647,842	55
One Foundation Ltd	485,476	52
NZCT	342,147	36
New Zealand Racing Board	187,217	25
The Lion Foundation	108,713	12
Trillian Trust	80,000	1
Infinity Foundation Ltd	70,329	20
Grand Total	**5,238,691**	**747**

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Organisation	Amount Approved	No. Grants
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	504,352	25
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	310,751	27
NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	135,264	5
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	131,009	9
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	106,371	8
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW ZEALAND	106,065	4
AUTISM NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	100,000	2
SHANDON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	93,000	4
Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	90,556	7
MAORI BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	80,000	1
The Belmont School (Auckland) Board of Trustees	70,000	4
DEMENTIA WELLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST	66,891	6
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	63,847	10
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	60,571	8
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	58,000	8
TE MAORI CULTURAL CENTRE LIMITED	55,247	4
The Epuni School Board of Trustees	54,726	6
WAINUIOMATA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	54,535	5
HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE INCORPORATED	52,295	6
SURF LIFE SAVING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	51,332	3
WAINUIOMATA CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	50,375	6
JACKSON STREET PROGRAMME INCORPORATED	50,000	1
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	49,765	10
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	47,774	8
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	47,355	12
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	45,937	10
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	45,026	8
HUTT VALLEY SPORTS AWARDS INCORPORATED	45,000	4
The Hutt Central School Board of Trustees	44,539	6
SAILABILITY WELLINGTON TRUST INCORPORATED	43,052	4
THE RANDWICK RUGBY LEAGUE SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	42,888	5
TE OMANGA HOSPICE TRUST	42,362	5
PETONE RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	41,668	5
AVALON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	40,839	5
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND | HILLARY AWARD	38,264	2
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	37,448	10
The Wilford School Board of Trustees	35,746	5
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	34,725	8
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	34,283	8
CAPITAL FOOTBALL INCORPORATED	32,500	4
OLE ACADEMY INCORPORATED	32,257	2
PINEHAVEN SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE INCORPORATED	32,207	1
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	31,795	7
WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE ZONE OF NZRL INCORPORATED	31,036	2
BOULCOTT'S FARM HERITAGE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	30,246	5
THE NAENAE OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	30,168	4
HUTT CITY WOMENS REFUGE INCORPORATED	30,000	2
STOKES VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	30,000	2
Fraser Park Sportsville Inc	30,000	1
HUTT CITY UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	29,868	6
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	28,954	7
Swimming Wellington Incorporated	28,555	5
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	28,197	8
NAENAE COLLEGE CHARITABLE TRUST	27,537	4
STOKES VALLEY CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	27,518	4
SOLA POWER THROWING ACADEMY	27,210	2
Arakura School Board of Trustees	26,612	2
HUTT UNITED HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	26,190	4
WAINUIOMATA GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	25,376	4
Avalon Public Hall Society Incorporated	25,356	3

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Organisation	Amount Approved	No. Grants
The Waterloo School Board of Trustees	24,777	3
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION HUTT VALLEY GROUP INCORPORATED	23,510	2
The Maungaraki School Board of Trustees	22,742	5
HUTT WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED	22,310	6
Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	22,144	3
The Randwick School Board of Trustees	22,000	2
SWIMZONE RACING INCORPORATED	22,000	4
SPORT, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION	22,000	1
The Dyer Street School Board of Trustees	21,792	2
Bowls Wellington (Inc)	21,165	3
HV Marist Softball Club	20,344	7
Hoop Club Hutt Valley	20,207	2
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	19,215	7
Wainuiomata Darts Association Inc.	19,034	2
HUTT VALLEY KYOKUSHIN KARATE DOJO INCORPORATED	18,813	2
PETONE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	18,500	2
PETONE TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	18,108	4
Te Ra O te Raukura Limited	17,965	3
SUPERGRANS CHARITABLE TRUST	17,400	2
The Sacred Heart College (Lower Hutt) Board of Trustees	17,009	5
The Normandale School Board of Trustees	16,980	5
Young Mens Christian Association Central Inc	16,406	4
PETONE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED	15,832	2
Hutt Valley Hornets Baseball	15,794	1
Naenae Primary School	15,000	1
Hutt City Kindergartens Association Inc	15,000	1
Wellington Land Search and Rescue Inc	15,000	1
THE 8TH COUNT - LA TOUR INCORPORATED	15,000	2
1st Waterloo Scout Group 80303	14,930	4
Manor Park Golf Club Inc	14,250	2
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	14,100	4
MAUNGARAKI TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	14,100	4
Wainuiomata Squash Club Inc	14,000	2
The Kelson School Board of Trustees	13,947	4
Te Ara Whanui Kura Kaupapa Maori O Nga Kohanga Reo O Te Awa Kairangi	13,940	2
SAINTS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	13,202	5
Glennette Marching Club	13,000	3
HUTT VALLEY DARTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	12,766	2
POMARE TAITA COMMUNITY TRUST	12,625	2
Little Sprouts Charitable Trust	12,568	1
Kerry Fundraisers	12,189	3
The Gracefield School Board of Trustees	12,000	3
The Our Lady of Rosary School (Waiwhetu) Board of Trustees	11,974	2
Wellington United Association Football Club Incorporated	11,890	1
BIRTHRIGHT HUTT VALLEY TRUST	11,730	4
THE COMMON UNITY PROJECT	11,481	4
SANZ - St Augustines Scout Group - Petone	11,000	1
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU PETONE INCORPORATED	10,874	1
MOERA COMMUNITY HOUSE (INCORPORATED)	10,865	2
Women of Worth Charitable Company Limited	10,758	3
The Tawhai School Board of Trustees	10,500	1
HUTT VALLEY BADMINTON SUB-ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	10,047	1
Waterloo Empowerment Through the Arts Programme Trust	10,000	1
Hutt Valley Sports Charitable Trust	10,000	1
WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE INCORPORATED	10,000	2
EASTBOURNE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	10,000	2
Hutt City Kindergartens Assn Inc Holborn Branch	10,000	1
Wainuiomata Rugby Football Club Inc.	10,000	1
Wainuiomata Sportsville Inc	9,800	2
Hutt Valley Marathon Clinic	9,793	2

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Stokes Valley Rugby Football Club Inc	9,650	1
HUTT CITY MUSICAL THEATRE INCORPORATED	9,646	2
Manaia Marching	9,583	6
MASSEY AVENUE BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED	9,397	2
ST ORAN'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION TRUST	8,900	2
ATIAWA TOA FM LIMITED	8,891	3
The Rata Street School Board of Trustees	8,834	2
WELLINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	8,717	1
Hutt Valley Runners Incorporated	8,553	4
Sacred Heart School Petone Board of Trustees	8,046	4
THEATRE AWARDS TRUST	8,000	1
LIFE EDUCATION TRUST HUTT VALLEY	8,000	2
TOKU REO CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD	8,000	1
Read NZ Te Pou Muramura Incorporated	8,000	1
HUTT CITY BRASS INCORPORATED	7,900	3
AVALON TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	7,800	4
Wainuiomata High School BOT	7,741	2
NZ Council Of Victim Support - Wellington District	7,572	1
HUTT VALLEY YOUTH HEALTH TRUST	7,500	1
WAINUIOMATA TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	7,400	4
SV Tennis Club	7,290	2
THE LOWER HUTT WOMEN'S CENTRE (INCORPORATED)	7,165	4
LOWER HUTT FLOORBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	7,050	2
Hutt Valley Super Girls	6,977	6
MANAAKI ABILITY TRUST	6,957	1
KAURI THEATRE COMPANY INCORPORATED	6,800	2
Cam County Inc	6,667	1
EASTBOURNE SPORTS AND SERVICES CLUB INCORPORATED	6,609	1
Hutt Valley Indoor Cricket Club	6,480	1
Inter Barangay Charitable Trust	6,389	2
WELLSTOP	6,067	1
HOPE CENTRE TRUST BOARD	6,000	1
WELLINGTON RUDOLF STEINER KINDERGARTEN TRUST	6,000	2
Stokes Valley Junior Rugby Football Club	6,000	1
MURITAI YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED	6,000	1
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA LIMITED	5,989	2
New Zealand Suzuki Institute - Wellington Branch	5,980	5
HUTT VALLEY TENNIS INCORPORATED	5,888	1
Hutt City Kindergartens Assn Inc Moera Branch	5,685	1
Korokoro Scouts	5,638	1
Scouting Assn of New Zealand 1st Wainuiomata Parish Scout Group	5,500	2
Hutt Valley Badminton Associaiton Inc	5,450	3
GOODTIME FOUNDATION	5,440	2
The Wellesley College Foundation	5,433	1
Martin Degnan's Boxing	5,326	5
Maungaraki Playcentre Committee	5,254	1
Taita College BOT	5,182	1
Waterloo Kindergarten	5,126	2
The Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Ara Whanui Board of Trustees	5,091	1
Wainuiomata Hockey Club Inc	5,025	1
The Koputaroa School Board of Trustees	5,022	2
STROKE CENTRAL REGION INCORPORATED	5,000	1
BANDOLIER MARCHING CLUB INCORPORATED	5,000	1
THE HUTT VALLEY SCHOOLS HUTTFEST TRUST	5,000	1
Scouts Lower Hutt Zone	5,000	1
HUTT CITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRUST	5,000	1
THUMBS UP CHARITABLE TRUST	5,000	1
WELLINGTON TOUCH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	5,000	1
Maungaraki Richmond Scouts Group	5,000	1
LOWER HUTT BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED	5,000	1

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PATETONGA MOTORCYCLE CLUB INCORPORATED	5,000	1
The St Michael's School (Taita) Board of Trustees	4,884	1
BELMONT RATEPAYERS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	4,701	1
WELLINGTON RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	4,700	1
THE HEARING ASSOCIATION HUTT VALLEY BRANCH INCORPORATED	4,696	2
Te Upoko-O-Te Ika Wellington Maori Rugby Association Inc.	4,668	1
Naenae Playcentre	4,653	3
Hutt Valley Harriers club	4,500	1
VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON BRANCH INCORPORATED	4,455	2
EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL OSCAR PROGRAMME INCORPORATED	4,445	1
Wellington Catholic Indoor Bowls Associaton	4,200	1
Waterloo Table Tennis Club	4,089	3
Stokes Valley Scouts	4,006	2
HARBOUR CAPITAL CHORUS INCORPORATED	4,000	1
Sanz - Belmont Scout Group	4,000	1
Belmont Scout Group	4,000	1
Stokes Valley Toy Library Inc	4,000	2
CCS DISABILITY ACTION (WELLINGTON BRANCH) INCORPORATED	3,900	1
Hutt Valley Motorsport Club Inc	3,840	1
Galaxy Touch Wellington City Inc	3,813	1
LOWRY BAY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	3,800	1
HUTT ART SOCIETY INCORPORATED	3,720	2
Wainui Rugby Football League Club Inc	3,700	1
SENIORNET HUTT CITY INCORPORATED	3,585	1
CAPITAL ZONE BASKETBALL TRUST	3,530	1
Hoop Club Inc.	3,500	1
SV Community Patrols Inc	3,444	1
Stokes Valley Boxing	3,443	2
TI HEI MAURI TU INCORPORATED	3,320	1
Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt	3,158	2
Korokoro Scout Group	3,110	1
Laura Fergusson Trust Wellington Incorporated	3,045	1
Valley Rovers Crew	3,019	1
Korokoro Playcentre	3,010	2
SRI LANKAN SPORTS CLUB WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	3,000	1
Sacred Heart Petone	3,000	1
WELLINGTON DISTRICT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB INCORPORATED	3,000	1
TE PUA WAITANGA O NGA TAMARIKI CANOPY KIDZ EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE LIMITED	3,000	1
DYNOMITES INCORPORATED	3,000	2
Wainuiomata Croquet Club Inc	3,000	1
Hutt Valley Cardinals Softball Club	2,861	2
Belmont Branch of the Hutt Valley Pony Club Inc	2,850	1
The Konini Primary School (Wainuiomata) Board of Trustees	2,847	1
NAENAE COLLEGE OLD BOYS HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	2,800	1
HUTT VALLEY SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT AND HEALING INCORPORATED	2,640	1
Wellington Swimming Association	2,520	2
Hutt Valley National Council of Women	2,520	1
HUTT VALLEY ORCHESTRA INCORPORATED	2,500	1
Stokes Valley Community Childhood Centre Inc	2,433	1
Hoop Club Inc	2,400	1
Brewers Touch	2,300	1
St Michaels School BOT Lower Hutt	2,226	1
Special Olympics Hutt Valley	2,204	1
HUTT INTERNATIONAL BOYS SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	2,148	2
BPW Wellington	2,075	1
NEW ZEALAND SUZUKI INSTITUTE INCORPORATED	2,000	1
WELLINGTON EVERGREENS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	2,000	2
The Scout Association of New Zealand	2,000	1
Stokes Valley Playcentre	2,000	1
THE HUTT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST	2,000	1

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HUTT TIMEBANK CHARITY TRUST	2,000	1
WELLINGTON WATER POLO BOARD INCORPORATED	1,950	1
The San Antonio School (Eastbourne) Board of Trustees	1,938	2
PORT NICHOLSON & PONEKE CYCLING CLUB INCORPORATED	1,932	1
The Catholic Parish of Te Awakairangi	1,920	1
Waterloo Playcentre	1,774	1
Waterloo Badminton Club	1,760	1
TABLE TENNIS WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	1,750	1
NEW ZEALAND CENTRE FOR GIFTED EDUCATION TRUST	1,700	1
Love Wainuiomata Inc	1,600	1
Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club	1,550	1
Petone Beach Kindy-Whanau Manaaki Kindergarten	1,546	1
DanceArt Society Inc	1,540	1
Primetimers Leisure Marchers	1,500	1
Victory Active VCC	1,500	1
Boulcott School BOT	1,500	1
Scout Association of New Zealand, Belmont Scout Group	1,500	1
Hutt Boulcott United Indoor Bowling Club	1,450	1
Northern Park Cricket Club	1,450	1
Naenae Petanque Club	1,399	1
THE CENTRAL SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB INCORPORATED	1,300	1
WAINUIOMATA PIONEER CHURCH PRESERVATION SOCIETY INCORPORATED	1,258	1
HUTT VALLEY ROCK 'N' ROLL SOCIETY INCORPORATED	1,200	1
TARGET SHOOTING HUTT VALLEY INCORPORATED	1,200	1
THE BROTHERS & SISTERS COLLECTIVE TRUST	1,100	2
EASTBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	1,072	1
HUTT VALLEY MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY INCORPORATED	1,039	1
Maungaraki/Richmond Scout Group	1,000	1
EASTBOURNE FOREST RANGERS INCORPORATED	1,000	1
The Holy Valley of Samoan Assembly of God Church Charitable Trust	1,000	1
NZ FAMILY AND FOSTER CARE FEDERATION INCORPORATED	1,000	1
Hutt Valley College Athletic Association	1,000	1
HUTT CITY INLINE HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	945	1
Petone Central Bowlong Club Inc.	848	1
NEW ZEALAND INDIAN FINE ARTS SOCIETY INCORPORATED	778	1
STOKES VALLEY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	665	1
Lower Hutt Floral Art Group	621	1
MARCHING WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	540	1
RIMUTAKA INLINE HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	520	1
Wellington Tamil Society Inc	500	1
Normandale Playcentre	500	1
Lower Hutt Branch Royal Forest and Bird	386	1
EASTBOURNE TOY LIBRARY INCORPORATED	280	1
Grand Total	**5,238,691**	**747**

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STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	103,142
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	NZCT	85,000
NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	83,282
MAORI BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Trillian Trust	80,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	72,500
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	72,500
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	67,729
Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	Pelorus Trust	50,282
AUTISM NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	50,000
AUTISM NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	50,000
JACKSON STREET PROGRAMME INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	50,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	49,166
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW ZEALAND	Pelorus Trust	47,908
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	47,420
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW ZEALAND	Pelorus Trust	44,950
SHANDON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	40,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	35,067
THE RANDWICK RUGBY LEAGUE SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	35,000
NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	33,250
PINEHAVEN SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	32,207
Fraser Park Sportsville Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	30,000
The Belmont School (Auckland) Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	30,000
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD AOTEAROA NEW	Pub Charity Ltd	30,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	NZCT	30,000
SURF LIFE SAVING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	26,332
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Air Rescue and Community Services	25,766
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	25,178
SAILABILITY WELLINGTON TRUST INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	25,000
SHANDON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	25,000
The Epuni School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	25,000
SOLA POWER THROWING ACADEMY	Pub Charity Ltd	22,862
SPORT, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION	Air Rescue and Community Services	22,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	22,000
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION HUTT VALLEY GROUP INCORP	Pelorus Trust	21,240
WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE ZONE OF NZRL INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	21,036
PETONE RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	21,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	One Foundation Ltd	20,876
CAPITAL FOOTBALL INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	20,000
HUTT CITY WOMENS REFUGE INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	20,000
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	20,000
HUTT VALLEY SPORTS AWARDS INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	20,000
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	20,000
SHANDON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	20,000
STOKES VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	20,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	20,000
The Epuni School Board of Trustees	NZCT	20,000
The Hutt Central School Board of Trustees	NZCT	20,000
The Randwick School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	20,000
WAINUIOMATA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	20,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Air Rescue and Community Services	19,541
AVALON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	19,256
Arakura School Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	18,935
DEMENTIA WELLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	18,740
The Wilford School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	18,491
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	18,458

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HUTT VALLEY KYOKUSHIN KARATE DOJO INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	17,720
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	One Foundation Ltd	17,325
OLE ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	17,257
TE OMANGA HOSPICE TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	17,184
The Waterloo School Board of Trustees	Air Rescue and Community Services	16,467
TE MAORI CULTURAL CENTRE LIMITED	One Foundation Ltd	16,150
Hutt Valley Hornets Baseball	Pelorus Trust	15,794
DEMENTIA WELLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	15,451
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Pelorus Trust	15,160
BOULCOTT'S FARM HERITAGE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	15,000
Hutt City Kindergartens Association Inc	NZCT	15,000
Naenae Primary School	Pub Charity Ltd	15,000
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	NZCT	15,000
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	The Lion Foundation	15,000
OLE ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	15,000
SURF LIFE SAVING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	15,000
Swimming Wellington Incorporated	The Lion Foundation	15,000
The Belmont School (Auckland) Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	15,000
The Belmont School (Auckland) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	15,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Pub Charity Ltd	15,000
WAINUIOMATA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	15,000
WAINUIOMATA CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	15,000
WAINUIOMATA CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	15,000
Wellington Land Search and Rescue Inc	The Lion Foundation	15,000
TE MAORI CULTURAL CENTRE LIMITED	Air Rescue and Community Services	14,822
HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE INCORPORATED	NZCT	14,655
Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	NZCT	14,577
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Air Rescue and Community Services	14,061
TE MAORI CULTURAL CENTRE LIMITED	Air Rescue and Community Services	14,000
Wainuiomata Darts Association Inc.	One Foundation Ltd	13,545
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	13,168
HUTT UNITED HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	13,000
Hoop Club Hutt Valley	Pelorus Trust	12,707
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	NZCT	12,581
Little Sprouts Charitable Trust	Pelorus Trust	12,568
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	One Foundation Ltd	12,510
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	12,498
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	12,250
HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	12,110
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	One Foundation Ltd	12,084
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	12,013
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Air Rescue and Community Services	12,000
WAINUIOMATA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	12,000
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	11,931
THE NAENAE OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	11,900
Wellington United Association Football Club Incorporated	Air Rescue and Community Services	11,890
The Dyer Street School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	11,862
PETONE TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	11,860
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Air Rescue and Community Services	11,607
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	11,455
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	11,443
NAENAE COLLEGE CHARITABLE TRUST	One Foundation Ltd	11,388
SANZ - St Augustines Scout Group - Petone	Pub Charity Ltd	11,000
NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	10,991
Te Ara Whanui Kura Kaupapa Maori O Nga Kohanga Reo O Te Awa Kaira	Pelorus Trust	10,940

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU PETONE INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	10,874
Te Ra O te Raukura Limited	Pub Charity Ltd	10,600
The Tawhai School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	10,500
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	10,472
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	10,359
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	10,325
TE MAORI CULTURAL CENTRE LIMITED	One Foundation Ltd	10,275
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	10,161
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	10,062
HUTT VALLEY BADMINTON SUB-ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	10,047
Avalon Public Hall Society Incorporated	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
AVALON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	Air Rescue and Community Services	10,000
Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	10,000
Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	NZCT	10,000
Hutt City Kindergartens Assn Inc Holborn Branch	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	10,000
HUTT CITY WOMENS REFUGE INCORPORATED	The Lion Foundation	10,000
HUTT VALLEY DARTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	10,000
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
HUTT VALLEY SPORTS AWARDS INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	10,000
HUTT VALLEY SPORTS AWARDS INCORPORATED	The Lion Foundation	10,000
Hutt Valley Sports Charitable Trust	Air Rescue and Community Services	10,000
HUTT WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	10,000
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	10,000
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	10,000
PETONE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	10,000
SAILABILITY WELLINGTON TRUST INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	10,000
STOKES VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	10,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	10,000
SUPERGRANS CHARITABLE TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
SURF LIFE SAVING NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	10,000
TE OMANGA HOSPICE TRUST	The Lion Foundation	10,000
THE 8TH COUNT - LA TOUR INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	10,000
The Belmont School (Auckland) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
The Maungaraki School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
The Our Lady of Rosary School (Waiwhetu) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
The Wilford School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	10,000
WAINUIOMATA GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	10,000
Wainuiomata Rugby Football Club Inc.	New Zealand Racing Board	10,000
Wainuiomata Squash Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	10,000
Waterloo Empowerment Through the Arts Programme Trust	Pub Charity Ltd	10,000
WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE ZONE OF NZRL INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	10,000
PETONE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	10,000
The Normandale School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	9,989
The Dyer Street School Board of Trustees	Air Rescue and Community Services	9,930
Bowls Wellington (Inc)	Pelorus Trust	9,820
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	9,725
Stokes Valley Rugby Football Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	9,650
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW ZEALAND	Pelorus Trust	9,616
The Hutt Central School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	9,616
HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	9,500
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	9,400
Manor Park Golf Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	9,250
DEMENTIA WELLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	9,201

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HUTT CITY UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	9,195
HUTT CITY UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	9,000
STOKES VALLEY CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	9,000
NAENAE COLLEGE CHARITABLE TRUST	Pelorus Trust	8,998
WELLINGTON SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	8,717
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Pelorus Trust	8,696
1st Waterloo Scout Group 80303	Pub Charity Ltd	8,684
PETONE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	8,500
MOERA COMMUNITY HOUSE (INCORPORATED)	One Foundation Ltd	8,465
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	One Foundation Ltd	8,334
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	8,300
THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD AOTEAROA NEW	Pelorus Trust	8,264
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	8,152
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	8,120
THE NAENAE OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	8,088
DEMENTIA WELLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	8,000
DEMENTIA WELLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	8,000
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	8,000
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	8,000
Read NZ Te Pou Muramura Incorporated	Pub Charity Ltd	8,000
SHANDON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	8,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	8,000
The Rata Street School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	8,000
THEATRE AWARDS TRUST	The Lion Foundation	8,000
TOKU REO CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD	The Lion Foundation	8,000
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	7,884
Avalon Public Hall Society Incorporated	Pub Charity Ltd	7,812
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	NZCT	7,800
Women of Worth Charitable Company Limited	Pub Charity Ltd	7,800
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	7,738
Arakura School Board of Trustees	NZCT	7,677
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	7,667
NZ Council Of Victim Support - Wellington District	Pub Charity Ltd	7,572
Avalon Public Hall Society Incorporated	Pub Charity Ltd	7,544
DEMENTIA WELLINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	7,500
Hoop Club Hutt Valley	Pelorus Trust	7,500
HUTT VALLEY YOUTH HEALTH TRUST	The Lion Foundation	7,500
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	7,500
PETONE RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	7,500
PETONE RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	7,500
STOKES VALLEY CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	7,500
SWIMZONE RACING INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	7,500
SWIMZONE RACING INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	7,500
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Air Rescue and Community Services	7,500
SUPERGRANS CHARITABLE TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	7,400
WAINUIOMATA CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	7,230
THE NAENAE OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	7,180
Bowls Wellington (Inc)	Pelorus Trust	7,170
WAINUIOMATA CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	7,109
Kerry Fundraisers	Pub Charity Ltd	6,995
THE COMMON UNITY PROJECT	Pelorus Trust	6,991
MANAAKI ABILITY TRUST	One Foundation Ltd	6,957
STOKES VALLEY CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	6,818
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pelorus Trust	6,690
Cam County Inc	One Foundation Ltd	6,667

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EASTBOURNE SPORTS AND SERVICES CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	6,609
POMARE TAITA COMMUNITY TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	6,580
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	6,522
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	6,500
Hutt Valley Indoor Cricket Club	One Foundation Ltd	6,480
The Sacred Heart College (Lower Hutt) Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	6,304
HUTT UNITED HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	6,290
WELLSTOP	Pub Charity Ltd	6,067
POMARE TAITA COMMUNITY TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	6,045
Glennette Marching Club	Pub Charity Ltd	6,000
HOPE CENTRE TRUST BOARD	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	6,000
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	6,000
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	6,000
HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	6,000
MAUNGARAKI TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	6,000
MURITAI YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	6,000
NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	6,000
ST ORAN'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	6,000
Stokes Valley Junior Rugby Football Club	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	6,000
The Waterloo School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	6,000
WAINUIOMATA GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	6,000
TE OMANGA HOSPICE TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,981
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,897
HUTT VALLEY TENNIS INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,888
PETONE ROWING CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,832
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,790
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,784
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	One Foundation Ltd	5,770
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	5,760
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,750
HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,690
Hutt City Kindergartens Assn Inc Moera Branch	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,685
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	5,680
Korokoro Scouts	Pelorus Trust	5,638
SAILABILITY WELLINGTON TRUST INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,625
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	5,600
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	5,583
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,558
The Wilford School Board of Trustees	Air Rescue and Community Services	5,554
AVALON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,550
TE OMANGA HOSPICE TRUST	Pelorus Trust	5,507
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	5,500
THE LOWER HUTT WOMEN'S CENTRE (INCORPORATED)	Pub Charity Ltd	5,500
Wainuiomata Darts Association Inc.	New Zealand Racing Board	5,489
The Wellesley College Foundation	Pub Charity Ltd	5,433
BOULCOTT'S FARM HERITAGE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,400
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pelorus Trust	5,355
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,280
Maungaraki Playcentre Committee	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,254
Hutt Valley Marathon Clinic	Pelorus Trust	5,252
The Kelson School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	5,217
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pub Charity Ltd	5,200
Taita College BOT	Pub Charity Ltd	5,182
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	5,140
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WELLINGTON	Pub Charity Ltd	5,100

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The Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Ara Whanui Board of Trustees	One Foundation Ltd	5,091
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Pelorus Trust	5,057
Wainuiomata Hockey Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,025
BANDOLIER MARCHING CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
BIRTHRIGHT HUTT VALLEY TRUST	NZCT	5,000
CAPITAL FOOTBALL INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
EASTBOURNE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	5,000
EASTBOURNE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
HUTT CITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
HUTT CITY MUSICAL THEATRE INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
HUTT UNITED HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	5,000
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
HUTT VALLEY SPORTS AWARDS INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
Inter Barangay Charitable Trust	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
LIFE EDUCATION TRUST HUTT VALLEY	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
LOWER HUTT BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
LOWER HUTT FLOORBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
Manor Park Golf Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
MASSEY AVENUE BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	5,000
Maungaraki Richmond Scouts Group	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
MAUNGARAKI TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	5,000
PATETONGA MOTORCYCLE CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
SAINTS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
Scouting Assn of New Zealand 1st Wainuiomata Parish Scout Group	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
Scouts Lower Hutt Zone	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	5,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
STROKE CENTRAL REGION INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
Swimming Wellington Incorporated	Pelorus Trust	5,000
SWIMZONE RACING INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
Te Ra O te Raukura Limited	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
THE 8TH COUNT - LA TOUR INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
The Epuni School Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
The Hutt Central School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	5,000
The Hutt Central School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
THE HUTT VALLEY SCHOOLS HUTTFEST TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
The Kelson School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	5,000
The Sacred Heart College (Lower Hutt) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	5,000
THUMBS UP CHARITABLE TRUST	Infinity Foundation Ltd	5,000
WAINUIOMATA GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
WELLINGTON RUDOLF STEINER KINDERGARTEN TRUST	Pelorus Trust	5,000
WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
WELLINGTON RUGBY LEAGUE INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
WELLINGTON TOUCH ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
Young Mens Christian Association Central Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	5,000
Wainuiomata Sportsville Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,900
Wainuiomata Sportsville Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,900
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,886
The St Michael's School (Taita) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	4,884

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HV Marist Softball Club	Pelorus Trust	4,876
The Maungaraki School Board of Trustees	NZCT	4,814
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,800
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	4,800
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,770
The Maungaraki School Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,718
BELMONT RATEPAYERS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,701
WELLINGTON RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,700
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	4,680
Te Upoko-O-Te Ika Wellington Maori Rugby Association Inc.	New Zealand Racing Board	4,668
PETONE RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,668
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	Air Rescue and Community Services	4,667
HUTT CITY MUSICAL THEATRE INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,646
Young Mens Christian Association Central Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,640
Swimming Wellington Incorporated	Pub Charity Ltd	4,621
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pelorus Trust	4,560
Hutt Valley Marathon Clinic	Pelorus Trust	4,541
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,521
BOULCOTT'S FARM HERITAGE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,500
CAPITAL FOOTBALL INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	4,500
Hutt Valley Harriers club	Pelorus Trust	4,500
NAENAE COLLEGE CHARITABLE TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	4,500
EASTERN HUTT SCHOOL OSCAR PROGRAMME INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,445
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Pelorus Trust	4,417
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,400
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,400
MASSEY AVENUE BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,397
WAINUIOMATA GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,376
HUTT WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	4,370
SOLA POWER THROWING ACADEMY	New Zealand Racing Board	4,348
HUTT VALLEY GYMNASTICS CENTRE INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	4,340
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,208
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,207
STOKES VALLEY CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,200
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,200
Wellington Catholic Indoor Bowls Associaton	Pub Charity Ltd	4,200
Bowls Wellington (Inc)	Pelorus Trust	4,175
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,165
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Pelorus Trust	4,153
WAINUIOMATA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,153
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	4,142
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,130
HUTT CITY UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,050
Belmont Scout Group	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
Glennette Marching Club	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
HARBOUR CAPITAL CHORUS INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,000
Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	Pub Charity Ltd	4,000
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	4,000
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,000
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,000
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
KAURI THEATRE COMPANY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,000
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	4,000
Sanz - Belmont Scout Group	Pub Charity Ltd	4,000

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STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	4,000
The Gracefield School Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
The Gracefield School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	4,000
The Gracefield School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	4,000
THE HEARING ASSOCIATION HUTT VALLEY BRANCH INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	4,000
The Koputaroa School Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Air Rescue and Community Services	4,000
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Infinity Foundation Ltd	4,000
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	4,000
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WELLINGTON	The Lion Foundation	4,000
Wainuiomata High School BOT	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
Wainuiomata Squash Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	4,000
THE RANDWICK RUGBY LEAGUE SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,986
SV Tennis Club	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,960
BOULCOTT'S FARM HERITAGE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,900
CCS DISABILITY ACTION (WELLINGTON BRANCH) INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	3,900
Hutt Valley Motorsport Club Inc	NZCT	3,840
ATIAWA TOA FM LIMITED	One Foundation Ltd	3,835
SAINTS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	3,830
Galaxy Touch Wellington City Inc	The Lion Foundation	3,813
Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	NZCT	3,800
LOWRY BAY ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	3,800
Lower Hutt Primary Sports Association Inc	Pelorus Trust	3,767
Young Mens Christian Association Central Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,766
Wainuiomata High School BOT	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,741
Wainui Rugby Football League Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,700
TE OMANGA HOSPICE TRUST	Pelorus Trust	3,690
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	3,676
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA LIMITED	Pub Charity Ltd	3,669
WAINUIOMATA CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,650
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	3,600
SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW ZEALAND	Pelorus Trust	3,591
ATIAWA TOA FM LIMITED	One Foundation Ltd	3,589
SENIORNET HUTT CITY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	3,585
AVALON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	3,533
CAPITAL ZONE BASKETBALL TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,530
Hoop Club Inc.	New Zealand Racing Board	3,500
HUTT CITY BRASS INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,500
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	3,500
Kerry Fundraisers	One Foundation Ltd	3,500
Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	Pub Charity Ltd	3,478
SV Community Patrols Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,444
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	3,400
WAINUIOMATA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,382
SV Tennis Club	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,330
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	3,322
TI HEI MAURI TU INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,320
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,271
BIRTHRIGHT HUTT VALLEY TRUST	One Foundation Ltd	3,250
AVALON TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	3,200
HV Marist Softball Club	Pelorus Trust	3,180
PETONE TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	3,178
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Pelorus Trust	3,141

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HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	3,113
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	Air Rescue and Community Services	3,111
Korokoro Scout Group	Pelorus Trust	3,110
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	3,063
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pub Charity Ltd	3,048
Laura Fergusson Trust Wellington Incorporated	Pub Charity Ltd	3,045
Valley Rovers Crew	Pelorus Trust	3,019
CAPITAL FOOTBALL INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
Glennette Marching Club	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
GOODTIME FOUNDATION	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT CITY UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	3,000
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT VALLEY BASEBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	3,000
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pelorus Trust	3,000
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	3,000
HV Marist Softball Club	Pub Charity Ltd	3,000
LIFE EDUCATION TRUST HUTT VALLEY	Pelorus Trust	3,000
Manaia Marching	Pub Charity Ltd	3,000
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	3,000
Sacred Heart Petone	Pelorus Trust	3,000
SRI LANKAN SPORTS CLUB WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
Stokes Valley Scouts	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
Te Ara Whanui Kura Kaupapa Maori O Nga Kohanga Reo O Te Awa Kaira	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
TE PUA WAITANGA O NGA TAMARIKI CANOPY KIDZ EARLY CHILDHOOD	Pelorus Trust	3,000
The Kelson School Board of Trustees	NZCT	3,000
THE NAENAE OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	3,000
The Normandale School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	3,000
The Sacred Heart College (Lower Hutt) Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WELLINGTON	Infinity Foundation Ltd	3,000
Wainuiomata Croquet Club Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
Waterloo Kindergarten	Pelorus Trust	3,000
WELLINGTON DISTRICT GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	3,000
Young Mens Christian Association Central Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	3,000
Hutt Valley Runners Incorporated	Pelorus Trust	2,986
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,969
The Hutt Central School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	2,957
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,950
ST ORAN'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION TRUST	Pelorus Trust	2,900
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	2,875
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,850
Belmont Branch of the Hutt Valley Pony Club Inc	One Foundation Ltd	2,850
The Konini Primary School (Wainuiomata) Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	2,847
Swimming Wellington Incorporated	Infinity Foundation Ltd	2,829
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,817
HV Marist Softball Club	Pub Charity Ltd	2,808
HUTT CITY UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,800
KAURI THEATRE COMPANY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,800
NAENAE COLLEGE OLD BOYS HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	2,800

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Hutt City Council Sundry Debtors	Pelorus Trust	2,795
HUTT WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,780
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,775
HUTT VALLEY DARTS ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,766
VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON BRANCH INCORPO	Pub Charity Ltd	2,748
HUTT ART SOCIETY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,720
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,720
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,713
Hutt Valley Badminton Associaiton Inc	Pelorus Trust	2,700
WAINUIOMATA TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	2,700
BIRTHRIGHT HUTT VALLEY TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,658
NAENAE COLLEGE CHARITABLE TRUST	Air Rescue and Community Services	2,651
THE COMMON UNITY PROJECT	Pub Charity Ltd	2,645
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	2,645
HUTT VALLEY SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT AND HEALING INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,640
SAINTS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,630
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,615
Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt	Pelorus Trust	2,535
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,529
Hutt Valley National Council of Women	Pub Charity Ltd	2,520
Sacred Heart School Petone Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,518
AVALON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,500
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	2,500
HUTT VALLEY ORCHESTRA INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,500
HUTT WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,500
WAINUIOMATA TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	2,500
HV Marist Softball Club	Pub Charity Ltd	2,480
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,475
Hutt Valley Runners Incorporated	Pub Charity Ltd	2,450
The Epuni School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	2,447
GOODTIME FOUNDATION	Pub Charity Ltd	2,440
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pelorus Trust	2,435
Stokes Valley Community Childhood Centre Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,433
SAILABILITY WELLINGTON TRUST INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,427
AVALON TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	2,400
Hoop Club Inc	The Lion Foundation	2,400
HUTT CITY BRASS INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,400
MOERA COMMUNITY HOUSE (INCORPORATED)	Pub Charity Ltd	2,400
WAINUIOMATA CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	2,386
Te Ra O te Raukura Limited	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,365
ROYAL WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,356
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	2,348
PETONE TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,320
TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA LIMITED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,320
The Waterloo School Board of Trustees	NZCT	2,310
1st Waterloo Scout Group 80303	Pub Charity Ltd	2,302
Brewers Touch	Pelorus Trust	2,300
Stokes Valley Boxing	Pelorus Trust	2,283
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION HUTT VALLEY GROUP INCORP	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,270
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Pelorus Trust	2,268
St Michaels School BOT Lower Hutt	Air Rescue and Community Services	2,226
The Maungaraki School Board of Trustees	NZCT	2,210
Special Olympics Hutt Valley	Pub Charity Ltd	2,204
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,194
THE RANDWICK RUGBY LEAGUE SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,189

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Hutt Valley Super Girls	Pelorus Trust	2,157
The Sacred Heart College (Lower Hutt) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	2,141
Waterloo Kindergarten	Pelorus Trust	2,126
MAUNGARAKI TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,100
BPW Wellington	Pub Charity Ltd	2,075
LOWER HUTT FLOORBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,050
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,037
Sacred Heart School Petone Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	2,020
The Normandale School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	2,002
1st Waterloo Scout Group 80303	Pelorus Trust	2,000
DYNOMITES INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,000
HUTT CITY BRASS INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,000
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	2,000
HUTT TIMEBANK CHARITY TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	2,000
Hutt Valley Cardinals Softball Club	Pelorus Trust	2,000
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	2,000
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pelorus Trust	2,000
HV Marist Softball Club	Pelorus Trust	2,000
HV Marist Softball Club	Pelorus Trust	2,000
Manaia Marching	Infinity Foundation Ltd	2,000
NEW ZEALAND SUZUKI INSTITUTE INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,000
PETONE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Infinity Foundation Ltd	2,000
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Pub Charity Ltd	2,000
Stokes Valley Playcentre	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,000
Stokes Valley Toy Library Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,000
Stokes Valley Toy Library Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	2,000
SWIMZONE RACING INCORPORATED	NZCT	2,000
THE HUTT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL FOUNDATION TRUST	Pelorus Trust	2,000
THE NAENAE SOCCER CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	2,000
The Randwick School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	2,000
The Scout Association of New Zealand	Pelorus Trust	2,000
THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WELLINGTON	Pelorus Trust	2,000
The Our Lady of Rosary School (Waiwhetu) Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	1,974
The Hutt Central School Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,966
Women of Worth Charitable Company Limited	Pelorus Trust	1,958
WELLINGTON WATER POLO BOARD INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,950
1st Waterloo Scout Group 80303	Pelorus Trust	1,944
PORT NICHOLSON & PONEKE CYCLING CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,932
The Catholic Parish of Te Awakairangi	Pub Charity Ltd	1,920
HUTT UNITED HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,900
Naenae Playcentre	Pub Charity Ltd	1,858
HUTT CITY UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	1,823
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,800
New Zealand Suzuki Institute - Wellington Branch	Pelorus Trust	1,800
Sacred Heart School Petone Board of Trustees	One Foundation Ltd	1,790
HUTT CRICKET ACADEMY INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	1,780
Waterloo Playcentre	Pelorus Trust	1,774
Naenae Playcentre	NZCT	1,764
Waterloo Badminton Club	Pelorus Trust	1,760
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,752
TABLE TENNIS WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,750
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,743
NEW ZEALAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,740
Manaia Marching	Pelorus Trust	1,720
Sacred Heart School Petone Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	1,718

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STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,716
Hutt Valley Super Girls	Pelorus Trust	1,711
VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON BRANCH INCORPO	Pub Charity Ltd	1,707
NEW ZEALAND CENTRE FOR GIFTED EDUCATION TRUST	Pelorus Trust	1,700
WAINUIOMATA TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	1,700
Kerry Fundraisers	Pelorus Trust	1,694
HUTT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,688
Wellington Swimming Association	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,680
Hutt Valley Runners Incorporated	Pelorus Trust	1,650
Waterloo Table Tennis Club	Pub Charity Ltd	1,629
HUTT INTERNATIONAL BOYS SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT ASSOCIATION I	Pub Charity Ltd	1,600
Love Wainuiomata Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,600
The Normandale School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	1,582
Korokoro Playcentre	Pub Charity Ltd	1,569
Lower Hutt Amateur Athletics Club	Pelorus Trust	1,550
Petone Beach Kindy-Whanau Manaaki Kindergarten	Pub Charity Ltd	1,546
DanceArt Society Inc	Pelorus Trust	1,540
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,530
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,530
Boulcott School BOT	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,500
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,500
New Zealand Suzuki Institute - Wellington Branch	Pelorus Trust	1,500
Primetimers Leisure Marchers	Pelorus Trust	1,500
Scout Association of New Zealand, Belmont Scout Group	Pelorus Trust	1,500
Victory Active VCC	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,500
ATIAWA TOA FM LIMITED	One Foundation Ltd	1,468
Hutt Valley Runners Incorporated	Pelorus Trust	1,467
The Epuni School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	1,460
Hutt Boulcott United Indoor Bowling Club	Pub Charity Ltd	1,450
Northern Park Cricket Club	Pelorus Trust	1,450
BOULCOTT'S FARM HERITAGE GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED	One Foundation Ltd	1,446
Korokoro Playcentre	Pelorus Trust	1,441
HUTT WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,400
TAITA DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	1,400
Naenae Petanque Club	Pub Charity Ltd	1,399
Inter Barangay Charitable Trust	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,389
Hutt Valley Badminton Associaiton Inc	Pelorus Trust	1,377
Hutt Valley Badminton Associaiton Inc	Pelorus Trust	1,373
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,371
SAINTS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,320
THE CENTRAL SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,300
HUTT WATER POLO CLUB INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,260
Waterloo Table Tennis Club	Pelorus Trust	1,260
WAINUIOMATA PIONEER CHURCH PRESERVATION SOCIETY INCORPORA	One Foundation Ltd	1,258
Martin Degnan's Boxing	Pelorus Trust	1,249
Martin Degnan's Boxing	Pelorus Trust	1,249
Martin Degnan's Boxing	Pelorus Trust	1,249
Martin Degnan's Boxing	Pelorus Trust	1,249
AVALON TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,200
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,200
HUTT VALLEY ROCK 'N' ROLL SOCIETY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,200
TARGET SHOOTING HUTT VALLEY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,200
Waterloo Table Tennis Club	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,200
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,180
Stokes Valley Boxing	Pelorus Trust	1,160

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Approved
Lower Hutt City

Organisation	Society	Amount Approved
Hutt Valley Junior Softball Association	Pelorus Trust	1,160
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,160
Manaia Marching	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,132
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	Pelorus Trust	1,117
Manaia Marching	Pelorus Trust	1,110
Swimming Wellington Incorporated	One Foundation Ltd	1,105
HUTT OLD BOYS MARIST RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,100
New Zealand Suzuki Institute - Wellington Branch	Pelorus Trust	1,100
HUTT VALLEY KYOKUSHIN KARATE DOJO INCORPORATED	NZCT	1,093
HUTT VALLEY DODGERS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,090
New Zealand Suzuki Institute - Wellington Branch	Pelorus Trust	1,080
EASTBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,072
THE RANDWICK RUGBY LEAGUE SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Air Rescue and Community Services	1,040
HUTT VALLEY MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	1,039
Naenae Playcentre	Air Rescue and Community Services	1,031
The Koputaroa School Board of Trustees	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,022
HUTT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,020
Stokes Valley Scouts	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	1,006
AVALON TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
DYNOMITES INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
EASTBOURNE FOREST RANGERS INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
HUTT ART SOCIETY INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
Hutt Valley College Athletic Association	Pelorus Trust	1,000
Hutt Valley Super Girls	Pelorus Trust	1,000
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
MAUNGARAKI TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
Maungaraki/Richmond Scout Group	Pelorus Trust	1,000
NETBALL HUTT VALLEY CENTRE INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
NZ FAMILY AND FOSTER CARE FEDERATION INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
PETONE RIVERSIDE CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
THE COMMON UNITY PROJECT	Pelorus Trust	1,000
The Holy Valley of Samoan Assembly of God Church Charitable Trust	Pelorus Trust	1,000
The Maungaraki School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	1,000
The Wilford School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	1,000
WELLINGTON EVERGREENS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
WELLINGTON EVERGREENS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	1,000
WELLINGTON RUDOLF STEINER KINDERGARTEN TRUST	Pelorus Trust	1,000
Women of Worth Charitable Company Limited	Pelorus Trust	1,000
The San Antonio School (Eastbourne) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	988
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	960
The San Antonio School (Eastbourne) Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	950
HUTT CITY INLINE HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	945
NAENAE COLLEGIANS UNITED NETBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	900
Hutt Valley Super Girls	Pub Charity Ltd	892
ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT TRUST	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	889
THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INCOR	Pelorus Trust	870
Hutt Valley Cardinals Softball Club	Pub Charity Ltd	861
Petone Central Bowlong Club Inc.	Pelorus Trust	848
THE COMMON UNITY PROJECT	Pub Charity Ltd	845
Wellington Swimming Association	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	840
The Rata Street School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	834
HUTT DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	833
BIRTHRIGHT HUTT VALLEY TRUST	Pelorus Trust	822
The Epuni School Board of Trustees	One Foundation Ltd	819

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Approved
Lower Hutt City

Organisation	Society	Amount Approved
NEW ZEALAND INDIAN FINE ARTS SOCIETY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	778
PETONE TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	New Zealand Racing Board	750
The Kelson School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	730
The Wilford School Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	700
THE HEARING ASSOCIATION HUTT VALLEY BRANCH INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	696
THE RANDWICK RUGBY LEAGUE SPORTS CLUB INCORPORATED	NZCT	673
STOKES VALLEY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	665
Hutt Valley Super Girls	Pub Charity Ltd	655
NAENAE YOUTH CHARITABLE TRUST	Air Rescue and Community Services	630
THE LOWER HUTT WOMEN'S CENTRE (INCORPORATED)	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	625
Knox Presbyterian Church, Lower Hutt	Pelorus Trust	623
Lower Hutt Floral Art Group	Pelorus Trust	621
Manaia Marching	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	621
The Sacred Heart College (Lower Hutt) Board of Trustees	Pelorus Trust	564
Hutt Valley Super Girls	Pelorus Trust	563
THE BROTHERS & SISTERS COLLECTIVE TRUST	Pelorus Trust	550
THE BROTHERS & SISTERS COLLECTIVE TRUST	Pelorus Trust	550
HUTT INTERNATIONAL BOYS SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT ASSOCIATION I	Pub Charity Ltd	548
MARCHING WELLINGTON INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	540
THE LOWER HUTT WOMEN'S CENTRE (INCORPORATED)	Pelorus Trust	540
RIMUTAKA INLINE HOCKEY CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	520
New Zealand Suzuki Institute - Wellington Branch	Pelorus Trust	500
Normandale Playcentre	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	500
Scouting Assn of New Zealand 1st Wainuiomata Parish Scout Group	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	500
THE LOWER HUTT WOMEN'S CENTRE (INCORPORATED)	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	500
WAINUIOMATA TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	500
Wellington Tamil Society Inc	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	500
SAINTS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED	Pelorus Trust	422
The Normandale School Board of Trustees	Pub Charity Ltd	407
Lower Hutt Branch Royal Forest and Bird	Four Winds Foundation Ltd	386
Martin Degnan's Boxing	Pelorus Trust	330
EASTBOURNE TOY LIBRARY INCORPORATED	Pub Charity Ltd	280
Grand Total		**5,238,691**

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15 March 2021

By Email: chair@gmanz.nz

Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand
c/o Peter Dengate-Thrush
Independent Chair

ATTENTION: Peter-Dengate Thrush

GAMBLING VENUE POLICY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST

We refer to your email instructions of 26 February 2021, seeking our advice regarding councillor conflicts of interest with respect to decision-making on Council's gambling venue policy.

YOUR QUESTIONS

1. You have asked us to advise whether:

   a. Membership of a club or organisation that receives gaming machine grant funding would constitute a conflict of interest that would require the councillor to withdraw from decision-making or discussion regarding a proposed gambling venue policy; and

   b. If Council has itself received gambling grant funding, does this impact on its ability to decide on a gambling venue policy, such that the decision should be made by an independent commissioner?

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. In summary:

   a. If an elected member has a financial interest in a club or organisation that may be impacted by the gambling venue policy, the member must not participate in any discussion or decision-making on the policy. It would be rare for a financial interest to arise in this context, but examples may be where the elected member is in a paid role at a club or organisation, and the role is funded from a gaming grant. A more remote interest may arise where the quantum of membership fees paid to a club or organisation may be impacted by a gaming grant. In those circumstances,

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it may be prudent to seek a decision from the Auditor-General as to whether the potential interest is deemed too remote to influence decision-making.

b. Being a member of a club or organisation that receives funding from a gaming grant will not usually give rise to a conflict of interest when it comes to deciding or discussing Council's gambling venue policy, unless that member holds a paid role (e.g. a coach who is paid for that service).

c. Being a member or a club or organisation that operates a gaming licence will give rise to a conflict of interest, particularly where the elected member serves in an executive role at the club or organisation.

d. Where an elected member, outside of a debate on the issue, had expressed a view on the gambling venue policy that suggests that they do not and cannot have an open mind on the matter, this could give rise to a conflict of interest on the grounds of predetermination.

2. The fact that Council may have previously been the recipient of gaming grant money would not create a conflict of interest when deciding its gambling venue policy. Such democratic decision-making is fundamental to its role and is distinguishable from regulatory or quasi-judicial decision-making where appointment of an independent commissioner may be appropriate to avoid any appearance of bias. The decision-making processes in the Local Government Act 2002 (**LGA**) already impose important requirements to ensure that such decision-making involves consideration of broader community views and not just the interests of Council as an organisation. It would therefore be unnecessary and inappropriate to appoint an independent commissioner because Council initiatives may have previously benefited from gaming grants.

ANALYSIS

3. Under section 101 of the Gambling Act 2003 (**GA**), territorial authorities must, using the special consultative procedure in section 83 of the LGA, adopt a policy that specifies whether class 4 venues may be established in the district, and if so, where they may be located (**the policy**). The policy may also specify any restrictions on the maximum number of gaming machines that may be operated at a class 4 venue and may include a relocation policy.

Does membership of an organisation or club create a conflict of interest for participation in discussion or decision-making on gambling venue policies?

4. It is not uncommon for councillors to be members of organisations and clubs, some of which may receive grant funding from gaming machines. This raises the question of whether membership of such a club or organisation would constitute a conflict of interest that would prevent the councillor from participating in discussion or decision-making regarding the policy.

5. Broadly speaking, a conflict of interest occurs when an elected member is affected by some other interest that he or she has in their private life. There are different types of conflict of interest:

a. Financial conflicts of interest – where the member (or their spouse or partner) has a direct or indirect financial interest in a particular decision, they cannot discuss or vote on the matter.[1]

b. Non-financial conflicts of interest.

Financial conflicts of interest

6. The applicable legislation is the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 (**LAMIA**). While the LAMIA does not define what a financial interest is, section 6(2) outlines a number of examples where a member will be deemed to have a financial interest:

- The member, or his or her spouse, owns 10% or more of the issued capital of an incorporated company or any company controlling that company, that has a pecuniary interest (direct or indirect) in a matter before the local authority or committee; or
- The member, or his or her spouse, is a member of the company and either of them is the managing director or the general manager of the company; or
- The member, or his or her spouse, is a member of a company controlling the company having a pecuniary interest in the matter before the local authority or committee, and either the member, or his or her spouse, is the managing director or the general manager; or
- The member, or his or her spouse, is the managing director or general manager of the company, and either of them is a member of a company controlling that company.

7. Other than these examples, the LAMIA does not define what a "financial interest" is. However, the Auditor-General has described a "financial interest" as "a reasonable expectation of financial loss or gain from the particular decision".[2]

8. It is unlikely that membership alone of a community organisation that receives gaming grant funding would give rise to a financial interest. This is because such organisations and clubs are usually run on a not-for-profit basis. One example where a financial interest could potentially arise would be if the member were in a paid position at the club or organisation, and the funding for that position comes from gaming grants. Another example may be where there is a prospect that membership fees or subscriptions to a club could be affected by the amount of gaming grant funding. However, given that gambling venue policies are relatively high-level in nature and do not directly address matters such as the licensing of particular venues (which involve a separate decision-

[1] Section 6(1) of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.
[2] Controller and Auditor-General, **Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968: A Guide for members of local authorities on managing financial conflicts of interest**, June 2020, at 4.15, referring to the definition of a financial interest in **Downward v Babington** [1975] VR 872.

making process, often by Council officers acting under delegated authority), or allocation of gaming grants (which are decided by the organisations that operate gaming licences subject to statutory requirements), any such potential impact is likely to be too speculative or remote to constitute a financial interest in the decision-making on a gambling venue policy.

9. Notwithstanding this view, where an elected member may receive a financial benefit of the kind described above from a club or organisation receiving gaming grant funding, they may as a matter of prudence wish to first obtain an exemption from the Auditor-General under section 6(3)(f) of the LAMIA (on the grounds that the financial interest is too remote or insignificant to be regarded as likely to influence him or her in voting or taking part in the discussion of the policy) before participating in discussion or decision-making on the policy. It is a relatively simple process to apply for such an exemption.

Non-financial conflicts of interest

10. A non-financial conflict of interest is any situation where a member is not affected financially by a decision but is affected in some other way that may constitute bias or the appearance of bias. Non-financial conflicts of interest are relevant to the avoidance of bias in decision-making. As opposed to financial interests, which can create personal liability for an elected member, bias is a matter of Council's accountability to the public. The avoidance of bias is part of the administrative law principles of natural justice, which require the Council to act fairly in reaching its decisions. The fairness principle has been described in these terms:[3]

> In exercising that discretion, as in exercising any other administrative function, they [members] owe a constitutional duty to perform it fairly and honestly ... What is a fair procedure to be adopted at a particular enquiry will depend upon the nature of its subject matter.

11. The test for whether an interest may give rise to an apparent bias has been stated by the Court of Appeal as being where circumstances:[4]

> ...might lead a fair-minded lay observer to reasonably apprehend that the judge might not bring an impartial mind to the resolution of the instant case.

12. Unlike a financial conflict of interest, a potential non-financial conflict does not automatically exclude a member from participating in a decision. It will depend on how serious the conflict is. The Auditor-General has suggested a number of factors that may be relevant to an assessment of whether a potential conflict is serious enough to exclude a member from participation in decision-making. They include:[5]

- The type or size of the person's other interest;
- The nature or significance of the particular decision or activity being carried out by the public organisation;
- The extent to which the person's other interest could specifically affect, or be affected by, the public organisation's decision or activity; and

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[3] **Bushell v Secretary of State for the Environment** [1981] AC 75, 95.
[4] **Muir v Commissioner of Inland Revenue** [2007] 3 NZLR 495.
[5] Controller and Auditor-General, **Managing conflicts of interest: A guide for the public sector**, June 2020, at 4.31 .

- The nature or extent of the person's current or intended involvement in the public organisation's decision or activity.

13. In our view, in the context of decision-making on a gambling venue policy, the mere fact that an elected member is also a lay member of an organisation or club that receives gaming grant funding is unlikely to give rise to a conflict of interest. This is because of the level of remoteness from any possible benefit or loss associated with the decision-making. In most cases, the contents of a gambling venue policy will not directly impact on funding that has or may be received by a club or organisation from gaming machine grants. The purpose of the policy is to specify whether class 4 venues may be established, and if so their location. It can also specify restrictions on the number of gaming machines that may operate at a class 4 venue. Such matters do not necessarily impact directly on whether a club or organisation may receive gaming grant funding, and if so, the amount of any such grant. Funding decisions are made by the organisations who operate the gaming machines, not the Council. The fact that a member, by virtue of membership of a club or organisation that has received gaming grants, has knowledge or experience of the beneficial impacts that gaming grants can have on the community does not give rise to a conflict of interest. To the contrary, it may contribute to a fair and balanced consideration of the issues arising when making decisions on a gambling venue policy. This would be consistent with the purpose of the of the GA, which is *inter alia* to ensure that money from gambling benefits the community and to facilitate community involvement in decisions about the provision of gambling.[6]

14. It is important to distinguish between membership of a club or organisation that receives gaming grants, and membership of a club or organisation that holds a gaming licence. In our view, while the former would not give rise to a conflict of interest in decision-making on a gambling venue policy, there is a much greater likelihood that the latter could give rise to a conflict of interest. This is particularly the case if the elected member holds an executive role in the club or organisation that operates a gaming licence. This is because, while a gambling venue policy does not specify whether or not a particular club or organisation is able to obtain a gaming licence *per se*, the policy may affect the eligibility of a club or organisation to hold a licence. As such, participation in the discussion or decision-making by a member of any such club or organisation could create an appearance of bias and therefore a conflict of interest.

15. Elected members should also always be mindful of avoiding predetermination, i.e., approaching decision-making with a closed mind. Elected members are entitled (and expected) to bring their previous knowledge and experiences to decision-making, but to approach any decision with an open mind. This means that elected members should be cautious about being vocal, other than in the course of Council debates, about particular views in a manner that may suggest that they do not and cannot have an open mind on a particular matter. This is because a conflict of interest may arise as a result of possible predetermination (i.e. actual or perceived bias).

16. In summary:

[6] Section 3 of the GA.

a. If an elected member has a financial interest in a club or organisation that may be impacted by the gambling venue policy, the member must not participate in any discussion or decision-making on the policy. It would be rare for a financial interest to arise in this context, but examples may be where the elected member is in a paid role at a club or organisation, and the role is funded from a gaming grant. A more remote interest may arise where the quantum of fees paid to a club or organisation may be impacted by a gaming grant. In those circumstances, it may be prudent to seek a decision from the Auditor-General as to whether the potential interest is deemed to remote to influence decision-making.

b. Being a member of a club or organisation that receives funding from a gaming grant will not usually give rise to a conflict of interest when it comes to deciding or discussing Council's gaming venue policy.

c. Being a member or a club or organisation that operates a gaming licence will give rise to a conflict of interest, particularly where the elected member serves in an executive role at the club or organisation.

d. Where an elected member, outside of a debate on the issue, has expressed a view on the gambling venue policy that suggests that they do not and cannot have an open mind on the matter, this could give rise to a conflict of interest on the grounds of predetermination.

Would Council be conflicted in deciding a gambling venue policy because it has previously received gaming grants?

17. Council initiatives will frequently fall within the second category of the definition of an "authorised purpose" for which gaming proceeds may be used, as set out in section 4 of the GA i.e., "a non-commercial purpose that is beneficial to the whole or a section of the community". Notwithstanding the eligibility for Council initiatives to receive gaming grants, Parliament conferred territorial authorities with the responsibility of formulating a gaming venue policy for their districts. We do not consider that any conflict of interest would arise in relation to decision-making on a gambling venue policy because the Council may have previously been awarded gaming grants. This is because:

    a. While individual elected members are subject to the LAMIA which prevents them from participating in decision-making where they have a financial interest, Council as an entity is not subject to the LAMIA.

    b. Caselaw recognises the inevitability of a degree of conflict within councils when exercising certain statutory functions. It is established, for example, that a council may object to its own district plan, prosecute itself, and apply to itself for a resource consent.

    c. The standard of impartiality for a Council is that it must approach its duty of inquiring into submissions with an open mind.[7] Given the requirement to undertake a special consultative process and the diverse views of individual members, it is unlikely that the fact that certain projects

[7] **Lower Hutt City Council v Bank** [1974] 1 NZLR 545 at 550.

undertaken by Council have benefited from gaming grants would unduly influence Council decision-making on its gambling venue policy. For the same reasons outlined above in relation to individual members, the connection between gaming grant money and decision-making on gambling venues is too remote to constitute a conflict of interest. In any event, compliance with the statutory rules in the LGA regarding decision-making by local authorities[8] and the general principles relating to local authorities[9] are intended to ensure that Council decision-making is open, transparent, and has regard to the diversity of community interests, notwithstanding the many facets and activities undertaken by Council.

18. We note that Council is not undertaking a quasi-judicial role when formulating a gambling venue policy. There is greater need to avoid the appearance of bias when it comes to regulatory or quasi-judicial decision making (such as considering a resource consent application). In those circumstances, where there is an apparent conflict in Council's interests, it is common for Council to delegate its decision-making to an independent commissioner. To that end, the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**) specifically allows for the appointment of independent commissioners to decide consent applications. However, while Council may delegate its decision-making on a gambling venue policy to a particular committee or sub-committee of Council, it would be unnecessary (and in our view, inappropriate) to delegate such decision-making to an independent commissioner.

Yours faithfully
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[8] Section 76 of the LGA.
[9] Section 14 of the LGA.

Asian Family Services
Together enriching lives

10 November 2021

Hutt City Council

30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt

Lower Hutt 5040

Re: Submission for Hutt City Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Review 2021

Asian Family Services (AFS) has been providing support to Asian communities living in Aotearoa New Zealand since 1998. Our organisation is a charitable trust.

AFS is New Zealand's only service provider for people of Asian backgrounds who are affected by mental health issues and gambling harm. Our gambling harm minimisation services are delivered under a Ministry of Health contract and funded from the gambling levy. The service operates in three areas: the Asian Helpline, clinical intervention, and public health work.

Asian Family Services endorses and supports the submission made by PGF Group on Hutt City Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy 2021, especially the following three recommendations:

• **No relocations**: If a venue with EGMs is forced to close or voluntarily closes, the council will not permit the EGMs to be relocated to any venue within the council area.

• **No club mergers**: There will be no club mergers under any circumstances.

• **A ban on any new venues:** No permit will be given to operate any new venue or club in the council area if that venue proposes having EGMs, including TAB venus.

Asian Family Services supports Hutt City's proposed wellbeing approach and sinking lid policy.

Asian Population in Lower Hutt

According to the 2018 Census data, the Asian population in the Lower Hutt region ranked 2nd among the urban regions in Greater Wellington.

Table 1: Asian population ranking in the main Greater Wellington regions

Rank	Area	Total Population	Percentage of Asians	Asian Population
1	Wellington City	202,737	18.3%	37,100
2	**Lower Hutt**	**104,552**	**15.2%**	**15,892**
3	Porirua	56559	8.7%	4920
4	Upper Hutt	43,980	8.4%	3694

(Data resource: Stats NZ, https://www.stats.govt.nz/tools/2018-census-place-summaries)

The table below also shows that the Asian population in Lower Hutt has grown approximately 30% at every Census cycle.

Table 2: Ethnic groups for people in Lower Hutt, 2006, 2013, and 2018 Census

	2006 (%)	2013 (%)	2018 (%)
Asian population	8.8	11.7	15.2

(Data resource: Stats NZ, https://www.stats.govt.nz/tools/2018-census-place-summaries/lower-hutt-city)

As the Asian population in Lower Hutt is growing steadily, we recommend that the Council consider Asian's voices at the policy level and adopt a sinking lid policy to protect Asian peoples from gambling harm.

Asian Gambling Behaviour

Sobrun-Maharaj, Rossen, and Wong (2012) identified that one of the contributing factors for mental health issues for Asian peoples is problem gambling.

Analysis of data from the Health and Lifestyles Survey over several years shows that, after adjusting for a range of socio-economic factors and gambling predictors, when compared to European/Other, Asian people's risk for individual gambling harm was 9.5 times higher. Furthermore, pokie players were more than twice as likely to be at risk of some level of gambling-related harm compared to other gamblers.

Over the past 12 months, we've provided 4664 counseling sessions to more than 1,447 gambling clients.Our problem-gambling clients were afflicted with co-existing issues such as suicidal ideation, financial hardship, domestic violence and severe depressive and anxiety symptoms due to problem gambling.

According to the New Zealand Asian Responsible Gambling Report (2021) conducted by Asian Family Services, 74.7% of Asians engaged in some forms of gambling activity in the last 12 months. Unfortunately, due to being either new to the country, or unfamiliar with the health system and services in New Zealand, many who experienced gambling harm did not seek early intervention. The delay in seeking help was partially due to a lack of understanding of behavioural addiction concepts. Often addiction is only understood as a substance abuse issue. The report also indicated that 78.7% of Asian gamblers identified stigma as one of the reasons that prevented them from early help-seeking.

The main Asian groups who are most vulnerable to the harm of pokies

During the past 23 years, AFS has seen many Asian clients who were addicted to pokies. We particularly find that the groups below are most vulnerable to gambling harm from pokies:

- Restaurant workers (chefs, kitchen hand, barista, etc.);
- Cleaners;
- Builders/construction workers;

- Older people;
- International students;
- Work visa holders.

The main reasons that Asian peoples play pokies

The most common reasons why Asian people play pokies are because:

- Low-barrier game: No English requirement, easy to go and play solo;
- Emotional escape (release stress, run away from conflict with others, etc.);
- Combatting loneliness;
- Making easy money;
- Addiction-driven playing: to win back lost money.

Sinking Lid Policy

We often hear from our clients that, “I don’t want to be hooked on the pokie machines. I want to take back control.” However, the outcome is the exact opposite. It is important to realise that pokie machines are specifically designed to lure people to keep playing and betting more money.

An increase in pokie machines and venues will expose Asian people, migrants and the refugee community to more harm from Class 4 gambling. We support the Council’s proposal for a wellbeing approach and support the adoption of a sinking lid policy with no relocations or venue mergers permitted.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kelly Feng

National Director

Asian Family Services
Together enriching lives

Appendix: A case study

(The name and background of the individual has been anonymised to ensure confidentiality of the client)

Lin is a work visa holder who came from a small southern town in China in 2018. He came to New Zealand alone to work for a Chinese restaurant as a chef. He planned to get his residence visa approved and bring his wife and daughter to New Zealand too.

Without the company from his family, he was often lonely and felt bored outside his working hours. He dreamed of a reunion with his loved ones in New Zealand as soon as he could.

On a typical day, he would be free every afternoon from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. He used to use the time to go to the library and have a break before his evening work. But one day, his colleague from the restaurant took him to a pub. Since then, his life has changed.

In the beginning, he had a very clear plan about the time and money that he could spend on the machines. But after a big win, he thought he would have a lucky hand. After that day, he visited the pub not only in the afternoon but in the late evening after work. He always thought about gambling and winning, even though he lost more money than he could afford.

His work and personal life were severely affected by his gambling addiction. As a result, he was fired from his job, had trouble sleeping at night, and was afraid to tell his family what had happened. He sought help from AFS after a friend's recommendation.

AFS provided six free counselling sessions to Lin. With the counsellor's support, he finally understood the issues contributing to his gambling problems and learned how to cope with his stress and his addiction.

As of now, he has found a new job in Lower Hutt and got back on track. He is eligible to apply for the 2021 one-off Residencey Visa. We are happy to see that Lin is fighting his addiction and working towards his goal to be reunited with his family in New Zealand.

Asian Family Services
Together enriching lives

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4 November 2021

Hutt City Council
Private Bag 31-912
Lower Hutt 5040
New Zealand

CRICKET WELLINGTON INC.

Subject: Hutt City Council Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Amendments

Letter of Support:

CLUB:	Taita District Cricket Club
AFFILIATION:	Cricket Wellington Incorporated
OPTION:	Support Option 2: Status Quo

Taita Cricket, is a strong community-based club which recognises the social harm that all forms of gambling have on a percentage of the community. However, we also recognise that if a person chooses to gamble, and Class Four Operations were limited or removed then those people are very likely to gamble through Online Channels with zero controls in place. With Class Four Gambling there are controls in place, noting however that in some instances there should be stronger processes in place, and enhanced monitoring by DIA.

By making the changes outlined in the document we are potentially shifting any potential problem gamblers underground where the person will gamble online.

In your document you also state that only a small % of income gained from Class Four is returned to Lower Hutt. This is very misleading as regional organisations including Cricket Wellington, benefit from the grant applications and distribute moneys, and value to clubs including those in the Hutt Valley.

If Class Four Grants were reduced significantly a huge number of organisations including sporting clubs like Taita Cricket, and community groups would struggle to operate, thus creating situations where:

- Less people in our area playing sport, as it is too expensive.
- more charities, and organisations approaching local government, and central government for funding.

Lower Hutt has a goal of encouraging all residents to be more active, if this funding is reduced or removed organisations will not have the ability to create great opportunities for their members. Thus potentially creating more people hanging around doing nothing. Organisations that help those in the community will fold, and sporting clubs will struggle to survive.

In summary

Taita Cricket Supports the Retention of the Current Policy:

- The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations (over $5.2m each year).
- Gaming Machine Funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.
- A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.
- Without Gaming Machine Funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.
- As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.
- It is also unrealistic to think that the Gaming Machine Funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship
- Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times. When it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain Covid-19 times, commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.
- Problem gamblers would be driven underground with zero controls and potentially creating more harm

It is important that the Council looks at the issue from a holistic perspective. We can easily be caught up in the emotion of the situation. Rather than put a stop to the Class Four Operations or reduce them, that LHCC with other local bodies works with DIA to strengthen the process around customers who are high users of the Gaming Machines under Class Four. With potentially an increased % from the machines going to gambling addiction recovery.

Dave Little
Chair Taita Cricket

Submission to: **Hutt City Council**

On the: **Gambling Venues Policy – Statement of Proposal**

Submission from: **Hutt Valley Tennis Inc.**

Date: **10 November 2021**

Representative of Hutt Valley Tennis (Inc) will discuss the main points in the written submission at a hearing:
Craig Eves, Secretary, Hutt Valley Tennis
Email: secretary@huttvalleytennis.co.nz

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hutt City Council is currently consulting on its 'Class 4 Gaming Machines' policy, with various options to reduce or eliminate Class 4 Gaming Machines over time, plus a 'status quo' option.

Hutt Valley Tennis agrees that Class 4 Gaming Machines cause 'social harm' to certain people in the community.

The sinking lid policy needs to be balanced against the reality that most, if not all, sporting codes, sporting associations and sporting clubs and cultural organisations in the City receive gaming trust grants to fund their activities. Grants received from Class 4 Gaming Machines fund things like junior coaching and equipment, renewal of playing surfaces, lighting and facilities, and programmes and events. This is a 'social good' with funding being important to increasing accessibility of sport to everyone in the community.

If gaming trust funding was cut off then cost would become a barrier to participation and the level of services provided would decline. It is likely that many clubs and sporting associations would be unable to maintain their activities, go into decline and, over time, fail.

Any change to existing arrangements needs to consider the whole, not just one side of the equation. It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is seldom adequate compared to the gaming funding available.

Recommendation:
Hutt Valley Tennis requests that the Class 4 Gaming Machines review be put on hold (status quo) while Council develops a proposal in tandem with the Class 4 Gaming Machines review (addressing 'social harm') to address the loss of 'social good' that would result from a reduction of gaming trust revenue to sporting and cultural organisations in the City.

2.0 Background

Who is Hutt Valley Tennis?

Hutt Valley Tennis Inc (HVT) is the overarching body for seven tennis clubs in Hutt City. It is owned by the tennis clubs and their approximately 1000 members.

This volunteer organisation administers/operates year-round tennis activity across the Hutt Valley via interclub competitions, leagues, tournaments, coaching and representative teams. We support club growth and development, organisational excellence and to achieve a sustainable future. HVT contributes to the connectedness, health and wellbeing of the Hutt community and its tennis clubs through providing programs and venues for physical activity, learning and social interaction.

The organisation is an affiliated member of Tennis New Zealand and is closely aligned with its regional sports body Tennis Central.

3.0 Evidence of Social Good

The Tennis NZ Voice of Participant Survey Report 2021 (Sport NZ, Neilson) illustrates the type and level of social good provided by tennis. The results for the Hutt Valley closely mirror the national data.

Jackie Sowry

From: Irene Galuszka <>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 November 2021 8:58 AM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pokies in our Community Submission

Please find below my submission on Pokie Machines in our Community:

Gambling is indeed a 'tricky' issue.

In fact, I wouldn't use the work 'tricky' to describe Gambling.

The words that I would use are to describe Gambling are ... 'has devastating consequences for families'.

Gambling is evil, it steals livelihoods and makes families lives a misery. Gambling is addictive and preys on the most vulnerable in our society.

Whilst I acknowledge that some of the proceeds from gambling are returned to the community in grants, consideration must be given to the devastating effects it has on the families and members of our community who are vulnerable.

The Grants proceeds which may assist sporting, recreational and other communities sounds wonderful, all the while the vulnerable families are not providing the necessary basics of life to their families such as decent housing, food and clothing. This has resulted in the Government having to 'top-up' and provide extra benefits to these families to assist them through hard times.

I personally am of the view that to adopt a wellbeing approach to the Gambling and Pokie Machine issues, they should all be banned.

As this is unlikely to happen and is not one of the options, our community must reduce the number of venues to align with national averages.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this issue and I sincerely hope that Hutt City Council will choose to make a difference by being socially responsibile to our vulnerable community.

Regards

Irene Galuszka

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review Hutt City Council By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

Maungaraki Tennis Club supports option 2, the status quo policy. The current policy allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. A more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time.

We believe the current policy is appropriate because:

• Local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations.

• This gaming machine funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.

• A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities. For our club examples include coaching for our junior members, basic equipment, and essential maintenance initiatives.

• Without gaming machine funding, or with reduced funding, we would have to re-consider our offerings, and assess our membership fee structure. Both would likely see a reduction in participation rates. We have members ranging from 5 to 91 years of age. The reason for membership can vary - from learning to play, returning to the game, having a regular time to catch up with friends with shared interests, and honing skills for competition in the Hutt region or wider. Lower participation rates in sporting clubs like ours, cannot be a good community outcome.

• It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available.

We do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: Irene Wong

Organisation Name: Maungaraki Tennis Club

Name: Irene Wong

president@mtc.co.nz

Jackie Sowry

From: Janette Gwilliam <>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 November 2021 12:43 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pokies in our community

Hello

I only received your flyer in my mailbox yesterday and today I went online to submit the survey only to find it closed last week!

Please note I would like to choose the Per capita approach for the gaming machines and venues permitted in Lower Hutt.

While I appreciate the profits that come into the community as a result of these machines, I do not believe it is worth the harm they cause to the vulnerable sector of our community. I find it disappointing that we have such a high proportion of machines in relation to our community size.

regards
Janette Gwilliam

Jackie Sowry

From: Jodie Winterburn
Sent: Saturday, 6 November 2021 9:18 AM
To: haveyoursay
Cc: Wendy Moore
Subject: Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review Submission - Jodie Winterburn

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission on the Review of the Gaming and Venue Policy.

I support the Sinking Lid - well-being approach.

$4.8 million dollars in revenue is taken from the Wainuiomata Community every year. Being a lower socioeconomic suburb, this is causing harm to our community. I have spoken to many people who have a problem with gambling, and the accessibility of being able to lose control with gambling, is so easy with 66 pokie machines literally at their finger tips in Wainuiomata.

I am unsure of the exact figures of the dollar amount that goes directly back into our community, but as a former Grants Auditor for Pelorus Trust, I know how the dispersement happens, and I know that the 40% will not come back directly to our community for our community's positive gain.

I have see how problem gambling affects the lives of our most successful and most vulnerable members of our community.

Having the sinking lid policy would mean that harm can be significantly reduced over time, which for some who have a problem with gambling, is very welcome.

I support the sinking lid policy.

Kind regards,
Jodie Winterburn
Wainuiomata Community Board member

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council

I am the Chief Executive of Life Education Trust (NZ), teaching more than 200,000 tamariki in 86% of primary and intermediate schools nationwide, in addition to 25,000 rangatahi in Secondary schools.

- In the Hutt Valley we support more than 6,000 young people each year, teaching mental health and wellbeing across resilience, nutrition and the impact of substances on the adolescent brain. We have been doing this in the Hutt Valley for more than 20 years.

- Wellbeing trends amongst our young people are currently in decline across a number of measures, while social service providers, reliant on community funding such as Class Four funds are under increasing pressure to respond.

- Class Four funds raised in the local community supports our work, ensuring financial barriers are not denied to those young people most at need of support.

I am also Presiding Member of the Wellington / Wairarapa NZLGB Community Committee, distributing $7m this year across more than 180 valuable community groups in the region.

Through this role not only do I see and understand their mahi, who benefits and the outcomes they achieve, but through their accounts I see their income sources and the important role Class Four community funds contributes to so many critical social services in Hutt Valley communities.

I have confidence in the problem gambling programme managed by the Ministry of Health, their quality providers funded from the levy imposed on machine operators, so those who may be at risk from gambling are well supported.

I do not wish to speak at the hearing.

I support Option Two – status quos, so community social and health services in the Hutt Valley are not unfairly compromised.

John O'Connell
Chief Executive
Life Education Trust (NZ)
john.oconnell@lifeeducation.org.nz

Jackie Sowry

From: John Sheehan <>
Sent: Friday, 22 October 2021 4:55 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gaming Policy Review

We support option 2, the status quo policy.

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    - As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates., once again leading to potential closing of clubs.
    - Experience has been that despite assertions to the contrary (e.g. Cigarette and alcohol sponsorship) that other commercial sponsorship avenues will open up, this is far from the reality, and politicians (including local body politicians) well know this to be the case. This lost revenue for most clubs will simply not be able to replaced.
    - We could only support the policy if the Council committed to replacing the funding currently generated, by other means.

Sincerely

John Sheehan
For Hutt Old Boys Marist RFC

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council
By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

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We ~~do~~/do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: S. Wilson

Organisation Name: Stokes Valley Bowling Club.

Name: Stephen Wilson

Phone or email:

Jackie Sowry

From: Kami T <>
Sent: Friday, 5 November 2021 9:44 AM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pokies in our community feedback

Kia ora,

The survey link on the Have Your Say website doesn't appear to be working so please accept this email as a vote for the Sinking Lid option.

Nga mihi,
Kamielle Tauaneai

Hutt City Gambling Venue Policy – One Foundation Submission

Summary

One Foundation Limited is a gaming society that operates throughout New Zealand. One Foundation has seven gaming venues in Hutt City:

- Bellevue Gardens Hotel.
- Eddy's Bar & Café.
- Olympic Hotel.
- Palliser Hotel.
- Petone Sports Bar.
- Roadhouse Bar and Grill.
- The Big Chill.

One Foundation asks that Council:

- Retains the current cap (option 1).
- Retains the current relocation provisions.

Grant Funding

Non-casino gaming machines are the largest funders of Hutt-based grassroots organisations. The Hutt City funding (including the non-published funding used by clubs, and the national and regional grant money that is used to provide a local benefit) is over $8.5 million annually.

Harm Minimisation Measures

When making a decision regarding what restrictions Council should impose (if any), regard must be had to the considerable number of harm minimisation measures that are already in place.

One Foundation operates its gaming machines in a responsible manner. Access is limited to persons aged 18 years and over and steps are taken to prevent problem gambling at its venues.

The machines have limits on the amount of money that can be staked and the amount of prize money that can be won. The maximum stake is $2.50. The maximum prize for a non-jackpot machine is $500.00. The maximum prize for a jackpot-linked machine is $1,000.00.

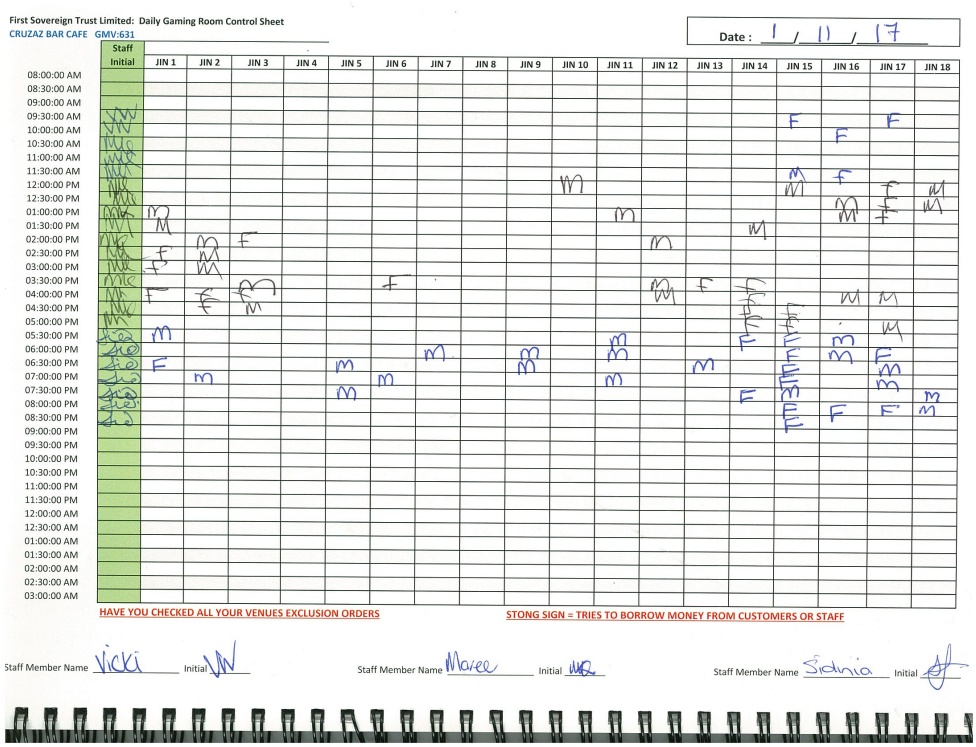
The machines have a feature that interrupts play and displays a pop-up message. The pop-up message informs the player of the duration of the player's session, the amount spent and the amount won or lost. A message is then displayed asking the player whether they wish to continue with their session or collect their credits.

The machines do not accept banknotes above $20.00 in denomination.

ATMs are not located in the gaming rooms.

All of our venues have a comprehensive written harm minimisation policy in place.

As part of the monitoring of the gaming room venue, staff are required to enter data in a control sheet every half an hour. The control sheet details the number of players on each machine and whether they are male or female. This process ensures that the staff are regularly monitoring the gaming room and keeping a record of the persons playing. This process helps staff to identify any person who may be subject to an exclusion order. The process also helps to identify any person who may need to be approached due to an extended session of play.



First Sovereign Trust Limited: Daily Gaming Room Control Sheet

CRUZAZ BAR CAFE GMV:631

Date : 1 / 11 / 17

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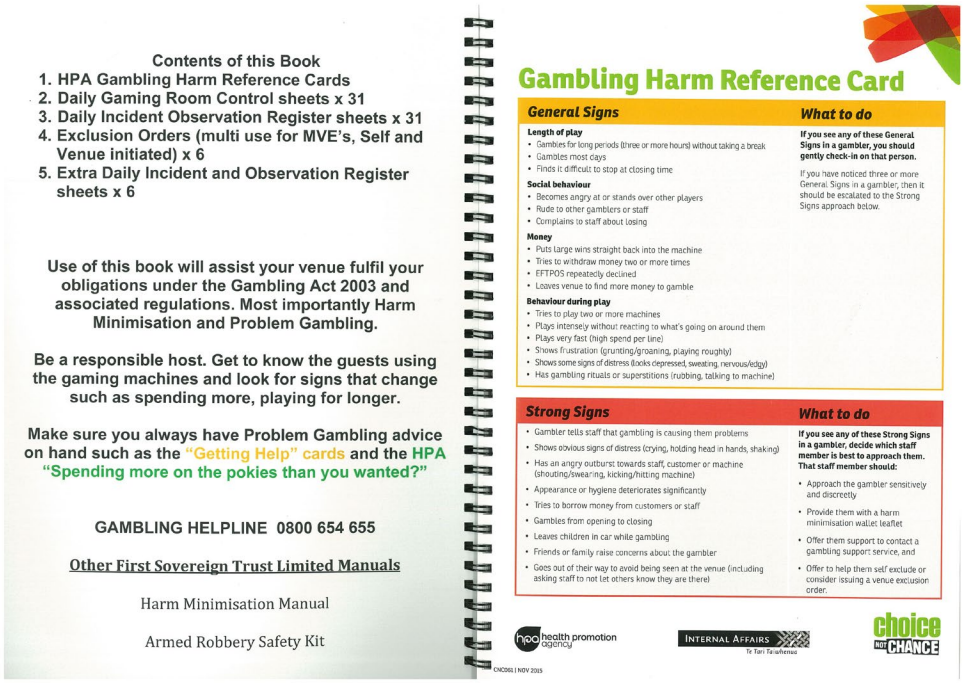
HAVE YOU CHECKED ALL YOUR VENUES EXCLUSION ORDERS

STONG SIGN = TRIES TO BORROW MONEY FROM CUSTOMERS OR STAFF

Staff Member Name Vicki Initial VW Staff Member Name Maree Initial MB Staff Member Name Sidonia Initial

Our venues use the Health Promotion Agency's gambling harm reference cards. These cards detail the general and strong signs of problem gambling and outline what our staff should do when the signs are observed.



Contents of this Book

1. HPA Gambling Harm Reference Cards
2. Daily Gaming Room Control sheets x 31
3. Daily Incident Observation Register sheets x 31
4. Exclusion Orders (multi use for MVE's, Self and Venue initiated) x 6
5. Extra Daily Incident and Observation Register sheets x 6

Use of this book will assist your venue fulfil your obligations under the Gambling Act 2003 and associated regulations. Most importantly Harm Minimisation and Problem Gambling.

Be a responsible host. Get to know the guests using the gaming machines and look for signs that change such as spending more, playing for longer.

Make sure you always have Problem Gambling advice on hand such as the "Getting Help" cards and the HPA "Spending more on the pokies than you wanted?"

GAMBLING HELPLINE 0800 654 655

Other First Sovereign Trust Limited Manuals

Harm Minimisation Manual

Armed Robbery Safety Kit

Gambling Harm Reference Card

General Signs	What to do
Length of play • Gambles for long periods (three or more hours) without taking a break • Gambles most days • Finds it difficult to stop at closing time **Social behaviour** • Becomes angry at or stands over other players • Rude to other gamblers or staff • Complains to staff about losing **Money** • Puts large wins straight back into the machine • Tries to withdraw money two or more times • EFTPOS repeatedly declined • Leaves venue to find more money to gamble **Behaviour during play** • Tries to play two or more machines • Plays intensely without reacting to what's going on around them • Plays very fast (high spend per line) • Shows frustration (grunting/groaning, playing roughly) • Shows some signs of distress (looks depressed, sweating, nervous/edgy) • Has gambling rituals or superstitions (rubbing, talking to machine)	**If you see any of these General Signs in a gambler, you should gently check-in on that person.** If you have noticed three or more General Signs in a gambler, then it should be escalated to the Strong Signs approach below.

Strong Signs	What to do
• Gambler tells staff that gambling is causing them problems • Shows obvious signs of distress (crying, holding head in hands, shaking) • Has an angry outburst towards staff, customer or machine (shouting/swearing, kicking/hitting machine) • Appearance or hygiene deteriorates significantly • Tries to borrow money from customers or staff • Gambles from opening to closing • Leaves children in car while gambling • Friends or family raise concerns about the gambler • Goes out of their way to avoid being seen at the venue (including asking staff to not let others know they are there)	**If you see any of these Strong Signs in a gambler, decide which staff member is best to approach them. That staff member should:** • Approach the gambler sensitively and discreetly • Provide them with a harm minimisation wallet leaflet • Offer them support to contact a gambling support service, and • Offer to help them self exclude or consider issuing a venue exclusion order.

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All our venue staff undertake comprehensive problem gambling awareness and intervention training. Refresher training is provided on a 6-to 12-monthly basis.

In addition to the above we also keep a daily incident and observation register. Any incident that gives rise to potential concern is recorded in the register. If multiple minor incidents are

noted, the venue manager is required to approach the player and provide information and advice. The register is also a great way for the staff to share their observations with other staff who are on different shifts.

The gaming room has pamphlets that provide information about the characteristics of problem gambling and how to seek advice for problem gambling.

Gambling Helpline

Free, confidential, 24/7
0800 654 655
Text 8006
choicenotchance.org.nz

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Free support

Gambling support services have qualified and professional staff who understand harms from gambling and can help – without judging.

Make an appointment to meet with someone who can provide free and confidential support to both you and your family, to help you get things back on track.

Call the Gambling Helpline on 0800 654 655 to be put in touch with a free service in your area.

Exclude yourself

Through a simple process called self-exclusion, you can choose to ban yourself from one or more pokie rooms that you visit regularly.

This means these places will not let you gamble there for a period of time nominated by you. A period of six months to two years is recommended.

A venue can also exclude you if they have ongoing concerns about your gambling.

To find out more ask the venue staff or contact the Gambling Helpline on 0800 654 655.

Spending more on the pokies than you wanted?

Should I be concerned?

Do any of these sound familiar...

- Spending more time or money than you planned?
- Playing more to try to win back losses?
- Making excuses or hiding how much you play?
- Feeling guilty or worried about your gambling?
- Feeling sick to the pit of your stomach when you've finished playing?

If so, it's time to make some changes.

Can you beat the odds

The odds are you will lose.

Pokie machines are not designed to help players make money. They are meant to be a form of entertainment.

You might sometimes have a win but, if you keep playing, you are likely to lose all the money you put in.

One out of every three regular pokie players is likely to have a gambling problem.

How do pokies work?

A pokie machine is a computer designed to take in more money than it pays out – there is no skill or trick to cheat it.

Each spin is random and will have as much chance of winning as the last. It doesn't matter how long you sit at a machine or if it hasn't paid out in a while, you will probably lose.

Games are designed to give free spins to make you think you are doing well so you keep playing.

You should only gamble with as much as you can afford to lose.

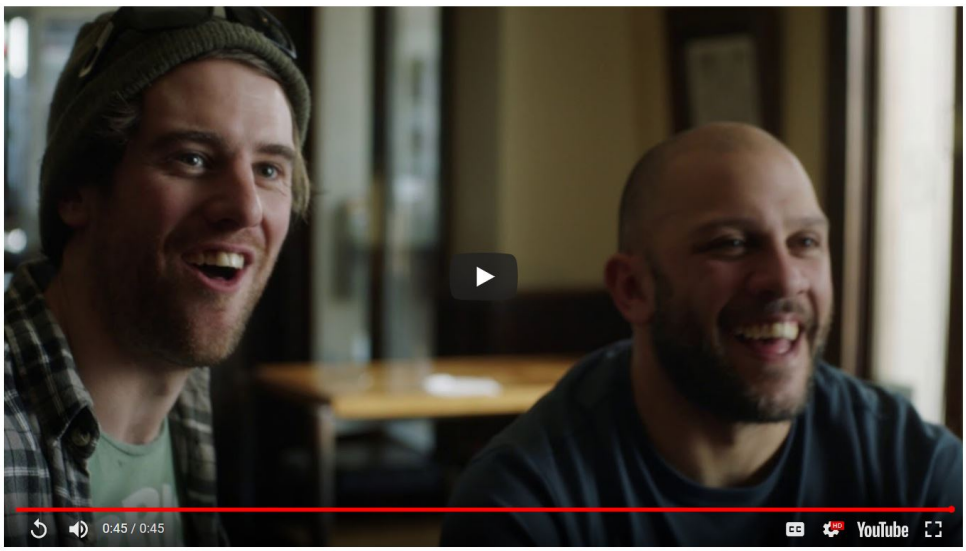
Helpful tips

Here are some ideas to help keep things in check:

- Set a limit – only take the cash you can afford to lose.
- Leave the bank cards at home.
- Set up automatic payments for household bills.
- Take regular breaks to clear your head.
- Be honest with yourself and others about your gambling.

Visit choicenotchance.org.nz for more tips and information.

Our gaming rooms have signage that encourages players to gamble only at levels they can afford. The signage also explains how to seek assistance for problem gambling. The signage is state-of-the-art electronic signage that includes the latest video clips from the *Choice Not Chance* campaign to end harmful gambling.



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Any person who advises that they have a problem with their gambling is excluded from the venue. The exclusion is similar to a trespass order, in that it makes it illegal for the person to re-enter the gaming room for a set period of up to two years.

Our venue staff do not permit a player to play two gaming machines at once.

All our machines have a clock on the main screen. All the machines display the odds of winning.

The "Costs of the System"

The Problem Gambling Foundation has recently suggested that 60% of the revenue from gaming machines goes towards the costs of running the system (with the remaining 40% being the returns to the community). In fact, the community benefit is much more like 80%, with the approximately 40% share that makes up the various taxes, duties and GST in effect also being a community contribution, going into the public purse to contribute to public good. The actual 'running of the system' is only about 20%. This 20% also represents money to businesses – local hospitality businesses, trusts, equipment providers and technicians – and a significant number of jobs in our cities, towns and communities.

Venue Relocation

Venue relocation is positive. The current relocation provision should be retained.

Over the last five years, almost all councils that have reviewed their gambling venue policies have adopted a relocation provision. Currently, approximately 55 councils have relocation provisions in place, which are similar to Hutt City's existing relocation provisions. We are not aware of any council in New Zealand that has adopted a relocation provision and then removed the relocation provision.

The current policy that allows 18-machine venues to relocate is consistent with the prior Minister of Internal Affairs' desire for sustainable community funding from the class 4 (gaming machine) sector.

The current relocation policy has a number of benefits.

Allowing relocation enables venues to move out of low social-economic suburban areas to the more suitable central business district.

Allowing relocation enables gaming venues to move to new, modern, refurbished premises. Permitting local businesses to upgrade their premises and provide a more modern, attractive

offering to the public helps to revitalise business districts, improves the local economy, and encourages tourism.

Allowing relocation enables venues to move out of buildings that may be earthquake-prone.

Currently, once a venue has obtained a licence to host gaming machines its value is artificially increased. This often leads to landlords demanding higher than normal rentals. Allowing relocation prevents landlords demanding unreasonable rentals, as it gives the venue operator the ability to relocate to an alternative venue.

Enabling relocation permits venues to re-establish after a natural disaster, flood, or fire.

Enabling relocation allows venues to move away from large premises, with large car parking areas, where such land may be better used for affordable high-density housing.

Oral Hearing

I do not wish to make a presentation at the upcoming Council hearing. Please have regard to my written submission.

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Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

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We support option 2, the status quo policy.

The current policy allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. A more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time. The current policy is appropriate because:

- The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations (over $5.2m each year).
- The gaming machine funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.
- A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.
- Without gaming machine funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.
- As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.
- It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain Covid-19 times, commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.

We do/do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

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PGF Group Submission
Hutt City Council
Class 4 Gambling and TAB Venue Policy Review 2021

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Healthy and resilient communities in a just society

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PGF Group submits that Hutt City Council adopts the wellbeing approach, which involves introducing a sinking lid policy with no venue relocations or mergers permitted.

We commend the Council's wellbeing approach and appreciate the strong gambling harm minimisation focus as well as further efforts to remove gaming machines from Council-owned buildings and not applying for Class 4 funding. This draft policy is one of the best Class 4 gambling policies we have seen from a council in recent years.

Our submission is evidence-based and founded on what is known about gambling harm across Aotearoa. It is time for councils and the government to take a closer look at the relationship between harmful gambling, social disparity and a funding model that enables it.

Funding communities based on a system that relies on our lowest income households putting money they cannot afford to lose into gaming machines is unethical and inequitable. This disproportionately impacts Māori and Pacific peoples who generally live in the areas where the majority of these machines are situated.

PGF also supports the submissions made by Asian Family Services and Mapu Maia, and encourage the Council to carefully consider the feedback they have provided.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand trades as PGF Group (PGF), the overarching brand for PGF Services, Mapu Maia Pasifika Services and Asian Family Services.
2. PGF operate under contract to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and are funded from the gambling levy to provide clinical intervention and public health services.
3. As part of our public health work, we advocate for the development of public policy that contributes to the prevention and minimisation of gambling related harms.
4. This includes working with Territorial Local Authorities (TLAs) to encourage the adoption of policies that address community concerns regarding the density and locality of gambling venues; in this case, a sinking lid policy.

PGF GROUP POSITION ON GAMBLING

5. It is important to note from the outset that we are not an 'anti-gambling' organisation as some have inferred. We are, however, opposed to the harm caused by gambling and advocate for better protections for those most at risk of experiencing gambling harm.

6. We recognise that the majority of New Zealanders are non-problem gamblers.

7. While most New Zealanders gamble without experiencing any apparent harm, a significant minority do experience harm from their gambling, including negative impacts on their own lives and the lives of others.

8. In 2019/20, total expenditure (losses, or the amount remaining after deducting prizes and payouts from turnover) across the four main forms of gambling – Class 4 Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs), Lotto, casinos and TAB – was more than $2.25 billion, or $572 for every adult (1).

9. Most money spent on gambling in New Zealand comes from the relatively limited number of people who play Class 4 EGMs, and most clients accessing problem gambling intervention services cite pub/club EGMs as a primary problem gambling mode (2).

ADVICE FOR COUNCIL DECISION MAKING

GMP STATISTICS

10. Lower Hutt's population has greater exposure to Class 4 gambling, with 4 EGMs per 1000 population, compared with 2.9 EGMs per 1000 population nationally. This translates to an excess of 100 EGMs and 4-5 venues in Lower Hutt relative to national Class 4 gambling exposure (3).

11. As at 30 June 2021, there were 29 Class 4 gambling venues in the Hutt City Council area, hosting between them 438 EGMs. The number of venues and EGMs decreased from four and 50, respectively, in 2015 (4).

12. Since 2015, Lower Hutt has followed the national trend of a general growth in annual GMP. The largest spike was in 2019 with approximately $29.8 million being lost to EGMs in Lower Hutt. In

2020, losses dropped to approximately $26.7 million largely due to the national COVID-19 alert level 4 lockdown (4).

13. We cannot be sure why losses continue to grow while machine numbers are coming down, but what we do know is that EGM numbers are not being reduced fast enough in areas where they need to, particularly high deprivation areas.

CLASS 4 GAMBLING

14. The harms caused by different forms of gambling are not equal, as evidenced by the different classifications of gambling within the Gambling Act 2003.

15. Class 4 gambling – EGMs in pubs, clubs and TABs – is characterised as high-risk, high-turnover gambling, and is the most harmful form of gambling in New Zealand (2).

16. EGMs are particularly harmful because they are a form of continuous gambling (5). The short turnaround time between placing a bet and finding out whether you've won or lost, coupled with the ability to play multiple games in quick succession makes continuous gambling one of the most addictive forms of gambling available.

CLIENT INTERVENTION DATA

17. The Trusts and Societies who hold the licenses for the 14,704 Class 4 EGMs in New Zealand (as at 30 June 2021) often submit that the relatively low number of people who seek help for a gambling problem is a positive indicator about the prevalence of harmful gambling in New Zealand. This assertion is disingenuous and should be disregarded.

18. The Ministry of Health's *Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm 2019/20 to 2021/22* states that "needs assessment and outcomes monitoring reports show that only 16% of potential clients for gambling support services (that is, people whose reported harm results in a moderate to high PGSI[1] score) actually access or present at these services", and that this low service use is also evident for other forms of addiction (2).

[1] The Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI) is commonly used to screen and categorise three levels of harm: severe or high risk (problem gambling), moderate risk and low risk.

19. Furthermore, the Ministry of Health's Continuum of Gambling Behaviour and Harm (Figure 1) estimates the number of people experiencing mild, moderate or severe gambling harm is more than 250,000 – that's more than the population of Wellington (2).

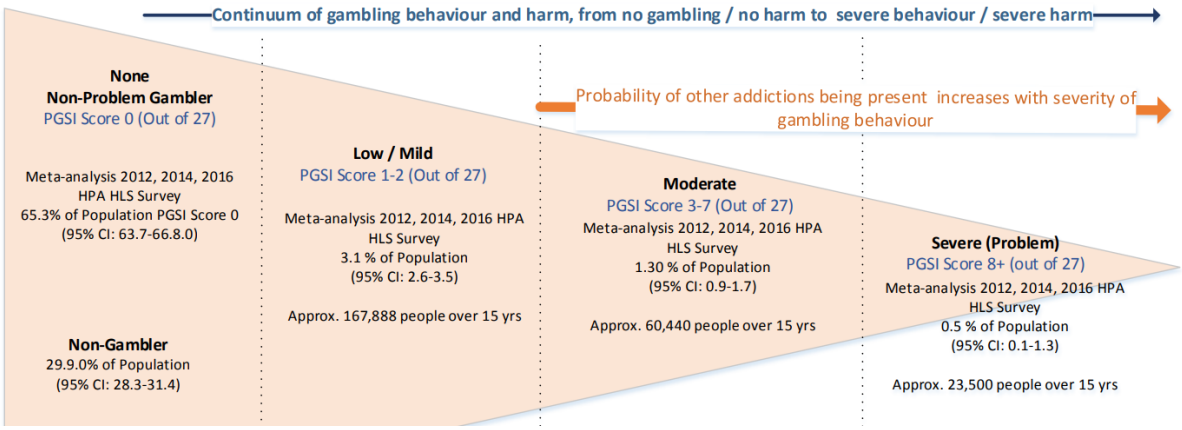

Figure 1: Continuum of Gambling Behaviour and Harm (Ministry of Health, 2019)

20. Moreover, the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) estimate that 30% of EGM losses is from problem and moderate risk gamblers (6). This means that for Lower Hutt's GMP of $26.7 million in 2020, approximately $8 million was lost by problem and moderate risk gamblers in the community.

21. While the Ministry of Health's client intervention data is not an accurate measure of the prevalence of gambling harm in New Zealand, it can tell us the rate of harm from different classes of gambling amongst those who have sought help.

22. Data for 2019/20 shows that of the 4,439 individuals who received support for their own or someone else's gambling, 2,098 (47.26%) were for Class 4 EGMs (7).

Primary Mode	Full Interventions	Percentage
Non-Casino Gaming Machines (EGMs or Pokies)	2,098	47.26%
Lotteries Commission Products	508	11.44%
Casino Table Games (inc. Electronic)	485	10.92%
Casino Gaming Machines (EGMs or Pokies)	414	9.32%
TAB (NZ Racing Board)	405	9.12%
Housie	85	1.91%
Cards	55	1.24%
Other	390	8.79%
Total	**4,439**	**100%**

Table 2: 2019/20 client intervention data by primary gambling mode.

23. Given that almost half of the clients in 2019/20 sought help due to Class 4 EGMs (7), this indicates the level of the harm EGMs are causing in our communities.

ONLINE GAMBLING

24. Online gambling is not within the scope of this review and is the purview of the DIA who will soon be releasing a report on its review of online gambling.

25. In their written and verbal submissions, the Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand (GMANZ) and other industry proponents suggest that an 'unintended consequence' of a reduction in physical gaming machines could be an increase in online gambling. There is no evidence that this occurs more rapidly due to a sinking lid policy.

26. During restrictions at COVID-19 alert levels 3 and 4, Class 4 gambling venues were closed. Many of our clients expressed relief that the venues were closed with some stating they were able to save money, spend more time with their family and they did not seek out alternative online gambling options.

27. The Health Promotion Agency's (HPA) *Impact of COVID-19 Wave 1* survey found that of those who gambled online during lockdown, only 8% gambled online for the first time and 12% of those who already gambled online did so more than pre-COVID restrictions (8).

28. Further, HPA's *Impact of COVID-19 Wave 2* survey shows that 65% of those who gambled online during lockdown reported this being through MyLotto as physical outlets were closed (9). Lotto has also noted in the media that approximately 125,000 customers had registered with MyLotto online (10), resulting in more than twice their normal online sales.

DENSITY OF CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUES

29. What makes Class 4 EGMs more harmful than casino EGMs is their location within our communities and the design of EGM rooms within Class 4 venues.

30. Data published by the DIA shows that almost 63% (664 out of 1,059 as at 30 June 2021) of Class 4 gambling venues in New Zealand are located in medium-high or very high deprivation areas (4).

Very Low Decile 1–2	Medium Low Decile 3–4	Medium Decile 5–6	Medium High Decile 7–8	Very High Decile 9–10
79	127	189	318	346

Table 1: Class 4 gambling venues as at 30 June 2021 by deprivation score.

31. In Lower Hutt, 52% (15 out of 29 as at 30 June 2021) of Class 4 gambling venues are located in medium-high or very high deprivation areas (4).

32. A report commissioned by the Ministry of Health – *Informing the 2015 Gambling Harm Needs Assessment* – notes that EGMs in the most deprived areas provide over half of the total Class 4 EGM expenditure (11).

33. The NZIER report prepared for Hutt City Council states that, "Lower Hutt's EGMs are disproportionately located in higher deprivation areas, including 93 of the 425 EGMs located in the most deprived areas (NZDep 10) and no EGMs located in the least deprived areas (NZDep 1)" (3).

34. Further research identified in the NZIER report suggest that over 40% of Class 4 gambling expenditure, or approximately $11 million, is derived from high deprivation areas of Lower Hutt annually. The top five gambling communities in terms of total Class 4 gambling expenditure was identified as Glendale, Naenae Central, Waiwhetu, Taita North, and Taita South (3).

35. It is unethical that the majority of Class 4 EGM expenditure is coming from our lowest income households who can least afford it. This is particularly concerning given that this disproportionately impacts Māori and Pacific peoples who generally live in the areas where many of these machines are situated (3).

36. The 2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey estimates indicated that Māori were four times more likely to be moderate-risk or problem gamblers than non-Māori, and that Pacific peoples were 1.5 times more likely to be moderate-risk or problem gamblers than non-Pacific peoples (12).

37. Research indicates that Māori and Pasifika experience harmful gambling differently, and that this disparity has not diminished over the years. This is a systemic issue that is inequitable.

EFFICACY OF A SINKING LID

38. Much of the research quoted in an attempt to denounce the efficacy of a sinking lid is outdated and findings from more recent research has countered assertions made by the Class 4 gambling industry.

39. From a public health perspective, there's a generally held view that the easier it is to access an addictive product, the more people there are who will consume that product.

40. It follows then that stronger restrictions on the number and location of addictive products, such as EGMs, constitute a public health approach to the prevention and minimisation of gambling harm.

41. Sections 92 and 93 of the Gambling Act mandate the maximum number of pokie machines a Class 4 venue can host (18 if the venue licence was held on or before 17 October 2001, 9 if the licence was granted after that date). This is the minimum regulation a TLA must implement in its Class 4 gambling policy, however many TLAs have chosen to adopt stronger regulations.

42. The Auckland University of Technology's New Zealand Work Research Institute recently published a research paper, *Capping problem gambling in New Zealand: the effectiveness of local government policy intervention*, which aimed to understand the impact of public policy interventions on problem gambling in New Zealand (13).

43. This research focussed on Class 4 gambling to assess the impact of local government interventions (absolute and per capita caps on the number of machines and/or venues and sinking lid policies) on the number of machines/venues and the level of machine spending over the period 2010-2018.

44. Key findings from this research include:

    44.1. All three forms of policy intervention are effective in reducing Class 4 venues and EGMs, relative to those TLAs with no restrictions beyond those mandated by the Gambling Act.

    44.2. Sinking lids and per capita caps are equally the most effective at reducing machine spending.

    44.3. Those TLAs who adopted restrictions above and beyond those mandated by the Gambling Act experienced less gambling harm than those TLAs who have not.

THE FUNDING SYSTEM

45. Following the removal of tobacco funding, EGMs were introduced with the primary purpose of funding communities.

46. Trusts and Societies are required to return 40% of GMP to the community by the way of grants or applied funding. This has inextricably linked gambling harm with the survival of community groups, sports and services.

47. However, it cannot be guaranteed that the GMP lost in Lower Hutt is returned to groups in Lower Hutt. For example, of the $29.8 million lost in Lower Hutt in 2019, approximately $4.8 million was returned to Lower Hutt-based organisations.[2]

48. Moreover, the unethical nature of the funding model cannot be ignored. The Gambling Harm Reduction Needs Assessment (2018), prepared for the Ministry of Health, raises fundamental questions about the parity of this funding system (14).

49. PGF Group, Hapai Te Hauora and The Salvation Army Oasis released a white paper in June 2020 titled, *Ending community sector dependence on pokie funding* (15). There is a need for a transparent and sustainable funding system to support groups in our communities.

50. This is a sentiment that is shared by other councils, including Wellington City Council, who are advocating to government about the urgent need to replace Class 4 funding with sustainable, ethical funding for community sports, cultural and other groups who currently benefit from this funding.

PRIORITISING THE PREVENTION OF HARM

51. While a sinking lid is at present the best public health approach available to TLAs to prevent and minimise gambling harm in their communities, we contend that such a policy does not go far enough – or work fast enough – to do this.

[2] Every care has been taken to ensure the demarcation of grants to each TLA is as accurate as possible, but information published by some Trusts can be inconsistent. The grant data provided in this submission is only as accurate as its original source and PGF Group holds no responsibility for errors in published information.

52. Several councils have already expressed their frustration at the limited opportunities available to them in their attempts to reduce the harm from Class 4 gambling in their communities.

53. If this Council feels similarly, we encourage the Council to advocate to central government for the following:

    53.1. Adoption of a more sustainable, ethical and transparent community funding system.

    53.2. More powers for councils to remove EGMs from their communities.

    53.3. The urgent removal of Class 4 EGMs from high deprivation areas 7-10 in New Zealand.

SUBMISSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

54. We strongly support Hutt City Council's wellbeing approach to adopt a sinking lid. We believe that this decision is an important step towards preventing and minimising gambling harm for those in Lower Hutt.

55. We submit that an adopted sinking lid policy should include the following three provisions:

    55.1. A ban on any new venues – no permit will be given to operate any new Class 4 gambling venues in the Council area if that venue proposes having EGMs, including TAB venues.

    55.2. No relocations – if a venue with EGMs closes for any reason, the Council will not permit the EGMs to be relocated to any venue within the Council area.

    55.3. No mergers – there will be no merging of Class 4 venues under any circumstances.

CONCLUSION

56. The Gambling Act 2003 was enacted to provide a public health approach to the regulation of gambling and to reduce gambling harm.

57. A sinking lid – with no relocations or venue mergers permitted – is the best public health approach available to councils who wish to prevent and minimise gambling harm in their communities.

58. If this Council determines the health and wellbeing of their community to be of the utmost importance, the only logical choice would be to adopt a sinking lid policy.

59. We would be happy to keep the Council updated with our ongoing work to address the issue of a more sustainable community funding model if this is of concern to elected members.

60. PGF appreciates the opportunity to make a written submission on the Council's proposed Class 4 gambling venues policy.

61. We also wish to provide a verbal submission to the Council.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gambling policy review

Thank you for the opportunity to "have my say".
I am in favour of the status quo (option 3) of the mail drop.

A) I am not in favour of reducing the facilities / options of the vast majority of citizens in favour of accomodating the minority's.
This is not democratic.

B) Addicted gamblers are still going to gamble without local, or less opportunities. Online gambling is one of many options, which is very damaging to addicts and their families as it is now going underground, more secretive.

C) The community returns will diminish.

Solution:
I have been an addiction counsellor for many years and know without a doubt that the best way to tackle addiction is through certified recovery programs made available FREE to all those addicts AND their families.
This is a ruthlessly abridged version of my views based on experience in the field.
Kind Regards,

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RE: HUTT CITY COUNCIL GAMBLING AND VENUES POLICY -WELLINGTON HOCKEY SUBMISSION

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for giving Wellington Hockey the opportunity to provide feedback on the above policy.

This submission is on behalf of Wellington Hockey and our affiliated clubs and outlines our views on the proposed changes to the Gambling Venues Policy.

The preferred position of the Hockey Community is Option C – No changes to the current arrangements relating to gaming machines and venues in the Hutt Valley.

BACKGROUND

Wellington Hockey is based at the National Hockey Stadium in Berhampore. We have two turfs in the Hutt Valley, one at Fraser Park and one at Maidstone Park.

We provide Hockey opportunities to more than 5,000 Hockey players, 49 clubs, colleges and schools in the Greater Wellington Region.

Our clubs that are based in the Hutt City Council area are as follows:

Hutt United Hockey Club
Naenae Hockey Club
Wainuiomata Hockey Club
YW Petone

There are a significant amount of primary and secondary schools that enter into our competitions from the Hutt region.

Wellington Hockey prides itself on its vision and mission which are:

Vision: Inspiring a lifelong love of Hockey
Mission: Making great Hockey happen

Our strategy statement is as follows:

WHA is a trusted, reliable community partner. We are here to support our community.

Benefits of Class 4 gaming to the Hockey Community

The community funding model currently used to distribute Class 4 gaming is working well.

The money we receive goes directly back to our community to ensure that our members can continue to enjoy the sport they love at a reasonable cost.

If the Hutt City Council introduce a sinking lid policy to gaming machines, the amount of money our community can access will diminish over time. This will have a negative impact on what we as a Regional Sports Organisation can offer our community as well as what our clubs can offer their members.

Currently some of the areas Class 4 gaming is helping the Hockey Community are:

- Support for our power bills – we pay approx. $60,000 per year in electricity with the majority going on floodlights.
- Community programmes – funding we receive enables us to go into schools and introduce children to Hockey, and provide Have a Go opportunities for many
- Contributing towards salaries, wages – we simply would not exist without the support received in this area
- Helping with the costs of our representative teams travelling to tournaments – without this support there would be many children who would not be able to participate.
- Facilities – many upgrades to our facilities would not be possible without funding support.

Many of our clubs apply for Class 4 gaming to help towards their training and game fee costs.

This money is passed on to Wellington Hockey to help cover the cost of the lease fees and future development of Hockey turfs, including the redevelopment that is currently occurring at Fraser Park.

Any reduction in Class 4 gaming proceeds will have two significant outcomes:

- Cost will become a barrier to participation which will result in a decline in people being able to enjoy our sport
- The ability for Wellington Hockey and its clubs to be able to continue to pay for its facilities will be put under extreme pressure

SUMMARY

Whilst we acknowledge that the impact of problem gambling can be significant in the community, we also believe that the social benefits of sport and the people that we can impact cannot be underestimated.

We see on a daily basis the importance of sport to people's health and wellbeing and want to be able to keep providing this to our community without any more financial pressure than we already experience.

CONCLUSION

Wellington Hockey requests that the Hutt City Council retains the status quo – Option C on the Gambling Venues Policy.

The impact that Class 4 gaming money can make on the Sport and Recreation sector, therefore on the Health and Wellbeing of Wellington's population cannot be put at risk by choosing any other option.

Kind regards

Lisa Jones
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CRICKET WELLINGTON

CREATING OUTSTANDING CRICKET EXPERIENCES FOR THE PEOPLE OF WELLINGTON

2 November 2021

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To whom it may concern,

Subject: Hutt City Council – Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy: Statement of Proposal

Introduction:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy. After consideration of the Statement of Proposal, Cricket Wellington's preferred option is 2: Status Quo.

Overview:

What do you think about when you think of summer in New Zealand? Days at the beach, Tip Top ice-cream, BBQ's and potentially the sound of cheers from a six hit in backyard cricket or a great catch taken from a classic game of beach cricket? It is almost undeniable that summer elicits emotional connections to New Zealand's number one summer sport: cricket! From the beach to the backyard to the Cello Basin Reserve; cricket continues to grow in popularity, and it is our responsibility to ensure the game, and sport in general, remains accessible and affordable for all.

Cricket Wellington is the regional sports organisation for cricket in the greater Wellington region. We are tasked with creating outstanding cricket experiences for Wellingtonians, and we are proud to do so. Our clubs, our participants and our volunteers all rely on Cricket Wellington to administer the game and we, like our clubs, rely heavily on gaming funding to safeguard the future survival of cricket in our region.

There are currently 22 affiliated cricket clubs in the greater Wellington region with over 8,500 active participants, 230 umpires, 450 registered coaches and numerous volunteers forming the backbone of our vibrant cricketing community. The Hutt City Council is one of the local territorial representatives for Cricket Wellington and 8 of our affiliated clubs, as highlighted below:

Eastbourne Cricket Club
Naenae Old Boys Cricket Club
Petone-Riverside Cricket Club
Taita Cricket Club
Hutt District Cricket Club
Northern Park Cricket Club
Stokes Valley Cricket Club
Wainuiomata Cricket Club

Cricket Wellington and our member clubs are focussed on getting more people playing and loving cricket. We are driven to create a vibrant, integrated and participant focussed environment that inspires. During the 2020-21 season, we;

- delivered cricket programmes into 108 primary and secondary schools, with over 22,00 Rangatahi and Tamariki engaged
- engaged over 4,000 female participants in Yeah! Girls programmes, which resulted in a 30% increase in female participation
- developed and supported 95% of junior and youth team coaches through our coach education programme, with a 58% increase in registered female coaches
- engaged 230 new umpires in training for the first time
- grew male and female participation by 9.4% with a 6.7% increase in youth participation

As measured by our voice of participant survey (which we conduct annually at the end of each season), overall member satisfaction is improving. What was identified from the feedback, is that to enhance satisfaction, our participants would like to see the quality of facilities that they play on improved, and this requires significant financial investment.

Cricket Wellington receives 40% of our annual income from gaming trust funding. These grants directly fund the administration and delivery of community cricket in the region, including $51,000 on average per annum to pay for Hutt City Council Ground Fees. If there was an inability to access money generated via gaming machines, then the sustainability of cricket in the region would be seriously jeopardised and we would be forced to introduce a user pays system and increase affiliation fees, which will undoubtedly make the game too expensive to play and administer for many of our participants, facility users and clubs.

Our clubs also access funding for various projects, initiatives, and programmes to support costs associated to cricket which include balls, equipment, apparel, facility hire, ground hire, delivery programmes and coaching. Grant funding obtained by all clubs equated to $599,273 in 2020-21, with $222,537 received by clubs within the Hutt City Council region. There is no denying that this money is critical in supporting the survival and sustainability of club cricket in Wellington, especially as we continue to navigate the current global pandemic.

The impacts of Covid-19 have resulted in an increase of costs for all sports in the sector as we attempt to recover and ultimately survive. However, we have a responsibility to ensure that participation in sport remains affordable to ensure active recreation remains a significant part of our everyday lives and a key contributor to overall health and well-being. To achieve this, we need to work in partnership with the four Council's in our region to create an environment for sport that is affordable and accessible for everyone. Additionally, we need to protect the social capital created by the sporting sector and it needs to be acknowledged that sport is a vehicle for driving positive experiences and funding is critical for achieving this.

Our ability to service the game and our community cannot be achieved without the substantial amount of grant funding that our sport receives. We have a responsibility as supporters, fans, participants, administrators, partners and ultimately as guardians of the game, to protect the future of not only active participation in cricket, but in all sport. Therefore, Cricket Wellington is supportive of Option 2 – Status Quo.

The funding we receive from gaming grants creates real value for our entire cricket community in the Hutt City region. A reduction in funding would cripple our ability to deliver cricket in our community including participant

development and engagement opportunites through our delivery programmes for our Tamariki and Rangatahi, coach development and education, umpire training, volunteer support, facility quality and access, and administration support for clubs.

SUMMARY:

- Cricket Wellington is advocating for Option 2: Status Quo
- Support Letters from affiliated Cricket Wellington clubs in the Hutt City region are attached
- We will take the opportunity to speak to this submission

The time for change is not now. We need financial support more than ever and we need funding to be sustainable so that we can continue to deliver outstanding cricket experiences for the people of Wellington. We need the ongoing backing from Hutt City Council to protect the funding we so desperately require.

We thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Statement of Proposal.

Kind Regards,

Cam Mitchell [CEO]
Cricket Wellington

Liz Green [General Manager]
Cricket Wellington

4 November 2021

Hutt City Council
Private Bag 31-912
Lower Hutt 5040 New Zealand

Subject: Hutt City Council Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Amendments Letter of Support:

CRICKET WELLINGTON INC.

CLUB:	Hutt District Cricket Club
AFFILIATION:	Cricket Wellington Incorporated
OPTION:	Support Option 2: Status Quo

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy. On behalf of the Hutt District Cricket Club, we endorse Cricket Wellington's submission supporting Option 2: Status Quo.

The Hutt District Cricket Club is represented by the Hutt City Council as our local territorial authority and in 2019-20, 33% of the overall club income was generated through gaming funds. The impact that class 4 funding has on our organisation is considerable, and without it the ability to service our participants, coaches and volunteers would be significantly inhibited.

Various community organisations and clubs have traditionally been dependent on gaming funding, and although reliance on funding is volatile, there is a real absence of other feasible options that will regularly provide income for clubs, like ourselves, to help with costs associated with running a sustainable cricket club. Gaming funding aids our ability to fund affiliation fees (which contributes towards the costs of the Hutt City Council Ground fees), purchase cricket balls, cricket equipment, apparel, and to support various club initiatives targeting participation. A reduction in revenue would ultimately result in costs passed onto participants in the form of increased membership fees. As a club, we work hard to diversify income every year, but it is a challenge to generate sponsorship and fundraising money, and as the financial effects of Covid-19 are realised, we are acutely aware that accessing funding from alternative sources will become increasingly difficult and unfeasible.

Cricket Wellington is a significant supporter of cricket clubs in the Hutt City Council region and is responsible for various community initiatives that directly benefit clubs. We understand that changes made to the Hutt City Council Gambling Venues Policy will have a direct impact on their ability to generate income and therefore support clubs, like ourselves.

We stand behind Cricket Wellington and support the collective club position in support of Option 2.

Regards,

Campbell Mackie

Hutt District Cricket Club

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PETONE RIVERSIDE
CRICKET CLUB

CRICKET WELLINGTON INC.

4 November 2021

Hutt City Council
Private Bag 31-912
Lower Hutt 5040
New Zealand

Subject: Hutt City Council Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Amendments

Letter of Support:

CLUB:	Petone-Riverside Cricket Club
AFFILIATION:	Cricket Wellington Incorporated
OPTION:	Support Option 2: Status Quo

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy. On behalf of the Petone-Riverside Cricket Club, we endorse Cricket Wellington's submission supporting Option 2: Status Quo.

The Petone-Riverside Cricket Club is represented by the Hutt City Council as our local territorial authority and in 2019-20, 41% of the overall club income was generated through gaming funds. The impact that class 4 funding has on our organisation is considerable, and without it the ability to service our participants, coaches and volunteers would be significantly inhibited.

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We stand behind Cricket Wellington and support the collective club position in support of Option 2.

Regards,

Allan Hewson
Petone-Riverside Cricket Club

CRICKET WELLINGTON INC.

4 November 2021

Hutt City Council
Private Bag 31-912
Lower Hutt 5040
New Zealand

Subject: Hutt City Council Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Amendments

Letter of Support:

CLUB:	Stokes Valley Cricket Club
AFFILIATION:	Cricket Wellington Incorporated
OPTION:	Support Option 2: Status Quo

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy. On behalf of the Stokes Valley Cricket Club, we endorse Cricket Wellington's submission supporting Option 2: Status Quo.

The Stokes Valley Cricket Club is represented by the Hutt City Council as our local territorial authority and in 2019-20, 72% of the overall club income was generated through gaming funds. The impact that class 4 funding has on our organisation is considerable, and without it the ability to service our participants, coaches and volunteers would be significantly inhibited.

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We stand behind Cricket Wellington and support the collective club position in support of Option 2.

Regards,

Brendon Wood
Stokes Valley Cricket Club

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council
By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

We support option 2, the status quo policy.

The current policy allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. A more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time. The current policy is appropriate because:

- The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations (over $5.2m each year).
- The gaming machine funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.
- A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.
- Without gaming machine funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.
- As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.
- It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain Covid-19 times, commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.

We do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: E Heatley

Organisation Name: Sacred Heart School Petone

Name: Elizabeth Heatley

Phone or email:

From:
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submission - Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review
Date: Tuesday, 9 November 2021 8:48:22 PM

Tēnā koutou,

I would like to make a submission in favour of, **"reducing gambling machine numbers and venues across Lower Hutt over time, not allowing relocation or mergers"**

I am disgusted that central and local government allow gaming facilities to continue to operate when the harm from gambling is well documented. Often the loss of funding to community groups is used as a means of countering discussions about reducing facilities - but this should not be a part of the conversation. It is causing harm to our poorest, most vulnerable people - causing them to be the necessary recipients of aid. Why should the burden fall on poor, vulnerable people, people struggling with addiction. If community groups need funding, we should call on our wealthy to assist and not steal money from often already poor people through the tactics used by the engineers of gaming machines.

I personally know several people who are currently struggling with addiction. It is stalling their lives, destroying their relationships, eroding any financial security, and causing extreme mental anguish. This leaves them even more vulnerable to mental health struggles - and help with this is often only accessible through paying for therapists, psychiatrists etc. Additionally, it has knock on effects on their families and friends. People around them ending up footing the bill to get them help, or to help with debt and everyday living costs.

Please do not ignore the pain of these people struggling with gambling addiction, and do not allow for a situation which enables more people to develop this devastating addiction.

Ngā mihi,

Lydia

Jackie Sowry

From: Martin de Jong <>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 8:21 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submission on gambling policy review

Dear Hutt City,
Thank you for the opportunity to submit on gambling policy review. I do not consider gambling offers any net returns to the benefit of local communities. I consider grants made to community organisations from gambling proceeds can and should come from other sources. My view is that ultimately all gambling possibilities in the city should close.

If you ask me which of the options proposed i prefer - I would go for sinking lid policy; but would like the number of outllets to reduce to zero as soon as possible.

Martin de Jong

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council
By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

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We ~~do~~ do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: _____

Organisation Name: Normandale School

Name: Matt Burt

Phone or email: _____

WELLINGTON RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICY

To HUTT CITY COUNCIL

on the:

CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICY – Statement of Proposal

Date:

9 November 2021

Address for contact:
Matt Evans
Chief Executive
Wellington Rugby Football Union
Email: matt.evans@wrfu.co.nz

INTRODUCTION

1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy.
2. After consideration of the Statement of Proposal, our preferred option would be a status quo approach i.e. Option 2.

CONTEXT

3. There is strong reliance on Class 4 funding as a source of income used to support the provision of community rugby opportunities in the Hutt City Council region.
4. Our activities which are partly funded by Class 4 funding reach all ages from our youngest to our oldest participants.
5. A decrease in the number of machines means a corresponding decrease in the amount of funding available to the sector. This would be in an environment where sport particularly is at a tipping point in relation to the costs of providing opportunities and participants' ability to pay to participate in these opportunities.
6. Costs have increased as everyone involved (including Councils) attempts to recover from the impacts of successive Covid lockdowns. For our sector this has meant increased costs for ground and venue hire, reduced volunteer support (where volunteers provide services for free that organisations would otherwise have to pay for), and reduced affordability for participants.
7. Most if not all community sport organisations like ourselves have traditionally been reliant on Class 4 gaming and we would expect other sports impacted by the proposed changes to experience the same issues.
8. There are currently no other sources of funding that would provide a substitute for Class 4 funding being accessed by community sports. Without the opportunity to access grants from gaming machine proceeds, many community sports providers would have to reduce their activities, and many would struggle to survive.

Benefits of community sport

9. Rugby and sport activities play a significant part in people's lives in the Hutt City Council region.
10. Sport New Zealand's 2015 report on The Economic Value of Sport and Recreation to the Wellington Region identified the following:
    - Nearly 9 out of 10 (89.7 per cent) young people (5-17 years) in the region spend at least three hours per week in organised or informal sport and recreation activity.
    - Over 8 out of 10 (86.5 per cent) adults (18 years or older) take part in at least one sport or recreation activity (excluding walking and gardening) over a year.

Gambling in New Zealand

11. Gambling is a legal activity in New Zealand.

12. In its National Gambling Study, the Ministry of Health identifies that around 75% of New Zealand adults regularly participate in gambling for entertainment and approximately one in five adults gambles weekly. Rates of gambling have remained unchanged since 2005.

13. About 33% of those who gamble play licensed machines. Lotto, Instant Kiwi, raffles, betting on horses/dogs are the other main forms of gambling.

14. Problem gambling rates reduced significantly during the 1990s and have remained at the same level (around 0.2% - 0.6%) since that time.

15. Without gambling machines there is increased risk of people seeking unregulated, offshore or online gambling opportunities with an increased propensity for gambling harm.

16. Problem gambling is a complex social issue. We acknowledge there is a social cost to gambling when this becomes a problem for an individual and when it impacts their family and friends. And we appreciate that the people impacted are often those who face a range of other inequities.

17. There is no evidence to suggest that a reduction in gaming machines and venues will reduce problem gambling. Despite a reduction in the number of gaming machines and venues over a number of years, the problem gambling rate has not changed appreciably over the same time period.

18. The industry pays an annual problem gambling levy of $20 million to the Government and gaming trusts directly spend $3-4 million each year on other harm prevention and minimisation initiatives.

19. We support the continued funding to address this issue.

COMMENT

Our preferred option

20. Our preferred option is status quo. In essence we do not support the sinking lid or per capita approaches.

21. We note, Class 4 Gaming remains a well-regulated approach to provide a financial return to the community for the benefit of those communities and has stringent harm minimisation requirements that must be met in order to continue to operate.

Community good

22. By law a minimum of 40% of gaming machine revenue and 100% of the profits are returned to the community. Around 90% of the funds returned are to the communities in which they are raised.

23. It is important to recognise that this funding is not applied to projects or programmes that are ‘nice’ extras. Funding in most instances is used to support core costs incurred within sport and in many cases keep players on the grass. The common categories across which funding can be classified are salaries, facility hire costs, sports equipment, events, tournaments, and coaching.

24. Additionally, there may be some financial consequences for Hutt City Council should a sinking lid policy be applied. As an example, gaming funding is often accessed to cover costs associated with facility and ground hire from Hutt City Council. In the absence of access to

Class 4 funding, there will be increased expectations on Council to fund activities that were previously funded through gaming proceeds, to at least preserve the status quo in terms of delivery of active recreation and sport services.

In conclusion:

25. We support the status quo.
26. We do not support a sinking lid or per capita policy approach.
27. We thank you again for the opportunity to provide you with feedback on your Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal

Matt Evans
Chief Executive
Wellington Rugby Football Union

GREATER WELLINGTON SPORT LEADERS' FORUM SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICY

To HUTT CITY COUNCIL

on the:

CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICY – Statement of Proposal

Date:

3 November 2021

Address for contact:
Matt Claridge
General Manager
Nuku Ora
Email: matthewc@nukuora.org.nz

INTRODUCTION

1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy.
2. After consideration of the Statement of Proposal, our preferred option would be a hybrid approach i.e. Option 2: Status quo with amendments (from other options).

CONTEXT

3. The Greater Wellington Regional Sport Leaders Forum is comprised of the Chief Executives and/or General Managers of regional sports organisations (listed below), Nuku Ora and College Sport Wellington. The group ordinarily meets on a six-week cycle with a working purpose of: advancing the interests of sport in the Wellington region, and to improve the quality of experience for the participant.
4. Forum members:
    - Wellington Rugby
    - Cricket Wellington
    - Capital Football
    - Wellington Hockey
    - Tennis Central
    - Netball Central
    - Capital Basketball
    - College Sport Wellington
    - Nuku Ora
5. There is strong sector reliance on Class 4 funding as a source of income used to support the operations of providers, both community and regional, across all domains of physical activity.
6. A decrease in the number of machines means a corresponding decrease in the amount of funding available to the sector. This would be in an environment where sport particularly is at a tipping point in relation to the costs of providing opportunities and participants' ability to pay to participate in these opportunities.
7. Costs have increased as everyone involved (including Councils) attempts to recover from the impacts of successive Covid lockdowns. For our sector this has meant increased costs for ground and venue hire, reduced volunteer support (where volunteers provide services for free that organisations would otherwise have to pay for), and reduced affordability for participants.
8. Community active recreation and sport organisations have traditionally been reliant on Class 4 gaming, and while this makes these organisations vulnerable this is their reality where they are using a funding source that is regularly available and accessible in the absence of other viable funding options. There are organisations in our region who would not be able to operate without this funding.

9. There are no other sources of funding currently that would provide a substitute for Class 4 funding being accessed by community organisations. Without the opportunity to access grants from gaming machine proceeds, many community organisations would have to reduce their activities, and many would struggle to survive.

10. Organisations are working hard to diversify their income however, corporate dollars are extremely difficult to access, fundraising activity does not generate a high return, and there is unlikely to be any Government funding set aside to cover the activities that are currently funded by Class 4.

11. In an ideal world there would be less reliance on this funding by the sector, however this is not realistic currently.

Community benefit of play, sport, and recreation

12. Active recreation and sport activities play a significant part in people's lives in the wider region.

13. Sport New Zealand's 2015 report on The Economic Value of Sport and Recreation to the Wellington Region identified the following:

    - Nearly 9 out of 10 (89.7 per cent) young people (5-17 years) in the region spend at least three hours per week in organised or informal sport and recreation activity.
    - Over 8 out of 10 (86.5 per cent) adults (18 years or older) take part in at least one sport or recreation activity (excluding walking and gardening) over a year.
    - These activities are supported by 115,000 volunteers.
    - Volunteers contributed 8.1 million hours to sport and recreation in 2013/14.
    - The estimated market value of these volunteered services is $122.7 million at 2013 values.
    - Sport and recreation industries provide employment for people in the Wellington region
    - More than 4,000 people (4,311) work in sport and recreation industries
    - The sport and recreation sector (narrowly defined) is estimated to have contributed $388.6 million to regional GDP in 2012/13, or 1.3 per cent.
    - Sport and recreation education is important in Wellington schools with just over five per cent of the National Curriculum being related to sport and recreation.

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17. Problem gambling rates reduced significantly during the 1990s and have remained at the same level (around 0.2% - 0.6%) since that time.

COMMENT

Our preferred option

18. Our preferred option is status quo. In essence we do not support the sinking lid approach.

Online gambling a greater threat

19. A sinking lid approach in and of itself will not reduce problem gambling, it may reduce the opportunity but not impact the behaviour. As we saw through Covid-19 lockdown, people who want to gamble will find other ways to do so. Online gambling is on the increase.

20. While the extent of online gambling by New Zealanders has yet to be fully researched, it is obvious from overseas research and anecdotal evidence that online gambling is growing very quickly. In 2019 it was estimated that around $381 million was gambled through offshore operators during the previous 18 months.

21. The Department of Internal Affairs identifies that currently, Lotto NZ and the TAB are the only New Zealand-based gambling providers that can offer online gambling products to New Zealanders. However, more and more New Zealanders are choosing to gamble online on offshore sites. While it is illegal for offshore online gambling operators to advertise in New Zealand, it is not illegal for New Zealanders to gamble on their sites.

22. These online gambling options are more harmful because they are unsupervised, less regulated, incentivised to encourage more gambling, are accessible 24/7, not controlled by New Zealand law currently and use virtual money rather than cash. And there is no return to the community.

23. In contrast, Class 4 Gaming is well-regulated to provide a financial return to the community for the benefit of those communities and has stringent harm minimisation requirements that must be met in order to continue to operate.

Community good

24. By law a minimum of 40% of gaming machine revenue and 100% of the profits are returned to the community. Around 90% of the funds returned are to the communities in which they are raised.

25. A sinking lid approach would eventually deny access for community groups to funding that supports their activities within communities in Lower Hutt and the magnitude of good that is achieved with that funding will be lost. The vast social value created by the funding generated from gambling must be properly acknowledged. Children are the usual beneficiaries of the application of these funds.

26. It is important to recognise that this funding is not applied to projects or programmes that are 'nice' extras. Funding in most instances is used to support core costs incurred within sport and recreation and in many cases to keep the doors open. The common categories across which funding can be classified are salaries, facility hire costs, sports equipment, maintenance, events, tournaments and camps, and coaching.

27. Additionally, there may be some financial consequences for Hutt City Council should a sinking lid policy be applied. As an example, gaming funding is often accessed to cover costs associated with facility and ground hire from Hutt City Council. In the absence of access to Class 4 funding, there will be increased expectations on Council to fund activities that were previously funded through gaming proceeds, to at least preserve the status quo in terms of delivery of active recreation and sport services.

Problem gambling

28. Problem gambling is a complex social issue. We acknowledge there is a social cost to gambling when this becomes a problem for an individual and when it impacts their family and friends. And we appreciate that the people impacted are often those who face a range of other inequities.

29. There is no evidence to suggest that a reduction in gaming machines and venues will reduce problem gambling. Despite a reduction in the number of gaming machines and venues over a number of years, the problem gambling rate has not changed appreciably over the same time period.

30. The industry pays an annual problem gambling levy of $20 million to the Government and gaming trusts directly spend $3-4 million each year on other harm prevention and minimisation initiatives.

31. We support the continued funding to address this issue.

In conclusion:

- We thank you again for the opportunity to provide you with feedback on your Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal
- We support the status quo.
- We do not support a sinking lid policy approach.
- We will take the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Matt Claridge
General Manager
Nuku Ora

On behalf of:

Fran Scholey	**Netball Central**
Matt Evans	**Wellington Rugby**
Richard Reid	**Capital Football**
Damien Ekanasio	**Capital Zone Basketball**
Liz Green	**Cricket Wellington**
Lisa Jones	**Wellington Hockey Association**
Tim Shanahan	**Tennis Central**
Bryan Dickinson	**College Sport Wellington**

Jackie Sowry

From: Melanie Roy <>
Sent: Monday, 8 November 2021 8:05 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Hi there,

I would like to make a submission regarding the above policy review. I am a new home owner in Stokes Valley.

It is unacceptable that Lower Hutt has a higher than average number of pokie machines per capita, compared to the rest of New Zealand. They are a sign of a derelict and unkempt community. They take from the poor and give to the rich, so are ethically terrible.

A council that cares for its community would have an interest in significantly reducing the number of pokies in our community.

Melanie Roy

Sent from my iPhone

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council
By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

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We ~~do~~/do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: _____

Organisation Name: THE LOWER HUTT CITY ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS CLUB INC.

Name: MICHAEL YATES.

Phone or email: _____

20 October 2021

Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road
Lower Hutt

By email: Wendy.Moore@huttcity.govt.nz; haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

Submission on Hutt City Gambling Venue Policy - Proposal to Remove the 12 Existing Gaming Machines from Naenae Bowling Club

Summary

The Naenae Bowling Club is one of Hutt City's premier sporting and community facilities. The club is a modern and vibrant place in which to participate in a range of sports and engage in social interaction. The club has over 1,100 members. The club hosts both national and international events. These events bring significant economic benefit to Hutt City.

The club has operated gaming machines responsibly for over 20 years. The gaming machines generate a profit of around $85,000.00-$105,000.00 each year for the club. This funding is essential, and was a key factor in the club deciding to move to the existing site and make the investments which it has. If our 12 gaming machines were to be removed by Council, this would cause significant financial pressure for the club, most likely resulting in the club incurring unsustainable operational losses in the future.

The Naenae Bowling Club is located in a Council owned building. The club and its members strongly oppose the establishment of an operational policy that would require gaming machines in Council-owned buildings being removed (option 1). The removal of existing use rights is unprecedented, grossly unfair, and totally undermines the considerable planning and budgeting made by the club in deciding to move to the current site.

Removal of the club's gaming machines will do nothing to help reduce problem gambling. Any problem gamblers who may have used the club's machines will simply move and play one of the other 426 gaming machines located in Hutt City, or worse, gamble online. Within 400 metres of the club, the Olympic Hotel and the Naenae Hotel both offer 18 gaming machines each and have the latest in jackpot technology.

Moving the gaming machine spend away from a club environment to a commercial pub environment is likely to increase the risk of gambling harm, as clubs provide a safer environment in which to participate in gaming machine gambling than pubs. The research indicates that playing gaming machines in a club environment is approximately seven times safer than playing in the less supervised and controlled hotel/pub environment.

One hundred percent of the profits from the club's gaming machines remain within Hutt City (they are used by the club to maintain and improve the club). If the spend moved to the gaming machines located in the nearby commercial venues, the social impact assessment indicates that only 16.2% of the machine proceeds would be returned to Hutt City in grants.

Singling Out and Targeting Naenae Bowling Club

Council have confirmed that the only gaming venue that would be affected by the Council-owned building policy is the Naenae Bowling Club.

The proposal unfairly targets and singles out the Naenae Bowling Club. None of the other 29 gaming machine venues in Hutt City will be required by Council to remove their gaming machines.

It is odd that the club has been singled out and targeted when it is a major asset to the city.

Putting Hutt City's Premier Sporting and Community Facility at Risk

The Naenae Bowling Club operates a magnificently appointed, international standard, fully covered and carpeted indoor lawn bowling green. In addition, the club has three excellent outdoor grass greens. The club facilities also include:

- A professionally managed, well stocked bar.
- Bistro.
- Sky TV.
- Free WiFi.
- Three snooker tables.
- Pool table.
- Darts.
- Petanque.

The photos below show the modern, vibrant, and frankly stunning facility:

LING CLUB

The club is the best place to play bowls in New Zealand. The club hosts a range of tournaments, including regional and national tournaments. For example, the club hosted the National 3 Five Finals, Wellington Championship finals, and New Zealand Inter-Centre Tournament. These tournaments brought an additional 100-200 players and spectators to the club (and thus to the city).

The club is also scheduled to host international tournaments. The 2022 and 2023 World Singles Champion of Champions tournament will be held at the club. This will bring competitors from 28 countries to Hutt City.

Removing the machines will seriously jeopardise the financial viability of the club.

The Club's Gaming Machines are Essential to the Viability of the Club

Construction of the new clubrooms and bowling facility finished in June 2017. The facility cost approx. $6.8m to build.

The facility is superb, but does require considerable ongoing resources for maintenance, upkeep, and running costs. The club's machines generate a profit of around $85,000.00 -$105,000.00 each year for the club. This source of funding is vital and not able to be replaced. This money is currently used for items such as the greenkeeper's wages, greens maintenance, clubroom repair and maintenance, electricity and contributing to the costs of **rates, insurance and maintenance in our Council owned building.**

In the financial year ending 31 March 2019, the club made a modest profit of $28,611.00. Had the club not had gaming machine profits of $87,766.00, the $28,611.00 profit would have been a $59,155.00 loss.

In the financial year ending 31 March 2020, the club made a loss of $43,431.00.[1] Had the club not had gaming machine profits of $89,891.00,[2] the loss would have been an unsustainable $133,322.00.

In the financial year ending 31 March 2021, the club made a loss of $28,550.00. Had the club not had gaming machine profits of $104,438.00, the loss would have been an unsustainable $132,988.00.

Removal of Existing Use Rights Unprecedented and Grossly Unfair

The club has successfully and responsibly operated gaming machines for well over 20 years.

The proposed intrusion on an existing use right is totally unprecedented. No other Council in New Zealand has sought to require existing gaming machines be removed (whether they are in Council-owned buildings or not).

It would be unjust to remove the existing use right to operate gaming machines. When considering the ongoing maintenance commitment involved with moving to the existing site, the ability to generate revenue from the club's 12 gaming machines was a significant factor that led to the move. When considering the significant capital investment required to purchase the existing gaming machines (approx. $220,000.00) the long-term projected revenue from the machines was a significant factor. All the budgets and planning included the projected gaming machine revenue. It is grossly unfair to now unilaterally remove this vital revenue source, after the move has been committed to, and significant capital costs have been incurred in purchasing new gaming machines.

The ability to host gaming machines is a valuable property right. The Gambling Act has stopped short of giving Councils the power to remove existing gaming machines for the very good reason that this would encroach on existing property rights. What is proposed by Council is the very removal of a valuable property right.

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[1] Once an adjustment is made reversing the historical depreciation cost allocated to this year.

[2] Once an adjustment is made reversing the historical depreciation cost allocated to this year.

The courts have noted the strong policy grounds for not taking away existing use rights. Retrospectively taking away existing use rights is inequitable. In *North Sydney Municipal Council v Boyts Radio and Electrical Ltd* (1989) 16 NSWLR 50 the court stated at page 57:

> … [the] principle was to exclude existing use rights from the general requirement of new planning law and of respect for the accrued rights of private property, **out of recognition of the inequity of imposing upon those rights the retrospective operation** of newly introduced planning and out of regard for the fact that in our form of society, with private ownership of land, the character of a neighbourhood cannot suddenly be changed by the stroke of the planner's zoning pencil.

The New Zealand courts have described existing use rights as a basic property right. In *Ashburton Borough v Clifford* [1969] NZLR 927 (CA) McCarthy J stated:

> A person does not retain his existing use as a matter of special privilege. He exercises it because it is a basic property right...

If Hutt City Council was to obtain a reputation for having no regard to existing use rights, Hutt City would become a place known for commercial uncertainty; a place where it was not attractive to invest in revitalisation projects. This is clearly undesirable.

<u>Removal of the Club's Gaming Machines Would be Counterproductive – Moving Play Away From the Safest Environment – Less Local Funding</u>

Removing the club's 12 gaming machines will be counterproductive from both a harm minimisation perspective and a local community funding perspective.

If the club's 12 gaming machines are removed, anyone who is addicted to gambling will simply move and play on one of the other 426 gaming machines located in Hutt City, or worse, gamble online. This will result in the player moving to an environment where there is less supervision and control.

A mere 350 metres away from the Naenae Bowling club is the Naenae Hotel, which has 18 gaming machines operated under licence from Air Rescue Services Limited, a Christchurch-based gaming society. A mere 400 metres away from the Naenae Bowling club is the Olympic Hotel, which has 18 gaming machines operated under licence from One Foundation Limited, a Rotorua-based gaming society.

From:

To:

Clubs are a Safer Environment

There is a wealth of evidence that confirms that the club environment is a safer environment in which to gamble than the commercial pub environment.

Due to the club liquor licence requirements, clubs are only permitted to allow access to members and guests of members who are accompanied by members. As a result, the people who frequent the club become well known to staff.

Staff quickly become aware of any member who shows any problem gambling symptoms. Because the member is known personally by the staff and management it is easy to approach the person discreetly, enquire about the person's gambling, and if appropriate, offer support or exclude the person from the gaming area. Members are less inclined to be defensive when such an approach is made in a club environment as opposed to a commercial establishment where there would be little (if any) rapport with the venue's management.

In 2006, Dr Philip Townshend, Research Director for the Problem Gambling Foundation, produced a paper entitled *The Case for a Reduced Levy on Gambling in Clubs Compared with Gambling in Hotels*.[3] Dr Townshend reviewed several overseas studies and came to the conclusion that the club environment is different to the commercial environment. In his paper, he noted:

> ... there is clear evidence from both Australian and New Zealand research that clubs provide a safer gambling environment than hotels. The gambling experience is different in clubs from that in hotels, and as these differences are reflected in the reduced risk of harm while gambling in clubs as opposed to hotels …
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> …
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> The finding that clubs provide a less harmful gambling environment was also found in a recent study commissioned by the Victorian Gambling Research Panel prepared by the Australian

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3 https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Philip_Townshend_The_Case_for_a_Reduced_Levy_on_Gambling_in_Clubs_compared_with_Gambling_in_Hotels_2006.pdf

> Institute for Primary Care at La Trobe University Melbourne 2006. Notably this study showed found
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> "that there are significant differentiations within the aggregated EGM [Electronic Gaming Machine] gambling consumption data"
> …
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> This finding has been supported by New Zealand Research carried out jointly by the Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand and CBG Health Ltd (PGF-CBD) (2006, in print). This research indicates that though clubs operate 21% of the EGMs in New Zealand club patrons lose only 13% of the total money lost in this country.

In October 2006, a report was prepared by the Problem Gambling Foundation entitled *Host responsibility, venue type and comparative harm*.[4] The report concluded that clubs incur less problem gambling harm than other gaming machine operators.

In 2008, the Ministry of Health engaged the Centre for Social Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation and Te Ropu Whariki ("SHORE/Whariki")[5] to conduct a survey on problem gambling. SHORE and Whariki concluded that participants who played gaming machines located in clubs had far fewer negative associations than those players who played a gaming machine located in a commercial bar. The report records at page 63:

> The length of time playing EGMs (electronic gaming machines) in different settings, however, had different impact on participants' domains of life. While playing EGMS in bars was associated with poorer self-ratings in regard to several life domains, playing EGMs in clubs showed only one negative association with quality of a life domain (namely, physical health).

In August 2009, Dr Philip Townshend produced a further paper entitled *Non-Casino Gambling Machines in Hotels and Clubs: Points of Difference*.[6] The paper was based on the helpline figures for problem gambler presentations. Dr Townshend concluded that club gaming machines are approximately seven times safer than hotel machines. In his paper, he noted:

> … The gambling environment and gamblers' safety is demonstrably different in clubs from that in hotels …

In May 2012, Opus International Consultants Limited was engaged to produce a report on gambling venue characteristics.[7] The Opus report found that club players had significantly lower problem gambling severity index scores. The study recorded at page 38:

> Chi square analyses suggest that non-problem gamblers were significantly more likely in the chartered club venues than the pub/bar venues and moderate risk gamblers were significantly more likely in pub/bar venues than chartered clubs.

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4 https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Host_responsibility_venue_type_and_comparative_harm_Problem_Gambling_Foundation_October_2006.pdf

5 https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/social-impacts-gambling-nz08.pdf

6 https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Philip_Townshend_Non_Casino_Gambling_Machines_in_Hotels_and_Clubs_Points_of_Difference_August_2009.pdf

7 https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/influence-gambling-venue-characteristics-Opus.pdf

Local Funding

Currently 100% of the gaming machine proceeds generated by the club's 12 machines are used to benefit Hutt City. The funds are used to provide maintenance and upkeep for a Hutt City facility. No external grants are made to organisations located outside Hutt City.

In contrast, the social impact statement notes that currently only 16.2% of the gaming machine proceeds that are received by the non-club gaming societies are returned locally.

Removing the club's 12 machines will see the spend migrate to nearby non-club gaming venues (run by out-of-town gaming societies) and see the bulk of the gaming machine proceeds leaving Hutt City.

Quiet Enjoyment of Leased Premises – Where is the Line Drawn?

The general principle is that tenants are entitled to quiet enjoyment of the premises they lease. They are able to undertake lawful activities in accordance with their overall business use. The business use in the club's lease is "operation of community recreation and sporting facilities and associated facilities". Operating gaming machines is consistent with the current permitted use.

If Council was to dictate which lawful activities its tenants may conduct at its premises, the question then becomes where is the line drawn? Why remove gaming machines, but continue to allow alcohol to be sold, when alcohol consumption results in more harm being caused than gaming machine gambling? Should Council also ban the sale of sugary drinks on site? Should Council require all persons on site to be vaccinated? Should Council ban political meetings being held on site when the political party holds extreme views? Should Council require the club to have a set number of EV charging stations and reserved parks for EVs to help address climate change?

Oral Hearing

The club would like to speak to its submission at the upcoming oral hearing. Please allocate the club and Clubs New Zealand a combined and slightly longer speaking time.

Glenn McTaggart
Board Chairman

Copy to: The Mayor and each Councillor

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council
By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

We support option 2, the status quo policy.

The current policy allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. A more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time. The current policy is appropriate because:

- The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations (over $5.2m each year).
- The gaming machine funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.
- A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.
- Without gaming machine funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.
- As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.
- It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain Covid-19 times, commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.

We do/~~do no~~t wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: _____

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From: Wendy Moore
Sent: Wednesday, 27 October 2021 12:50 PM
To: Jackie Sowry
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Kia oa Jackie – a submission for the Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy review. Thank you. Ngā mihi Wendy

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From: Naomi Solomon <>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 October 2021 11:12 AM
To: Wendy Moore <>
Cc: Matiu Jennings <>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Kia ora Wendy

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Hutt City Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy 2015.

We have reviewed this alongside our Tu te Ihi Problem Gambling Service, and provide the following comments:

- We are supportive of Option 1 Wellbeing approach – Sinking Lid
    - This approach is a beginning for Te Awakairangi to actively move towards reducing harm caused by gambling, particularly given the rapid increase in spending per adult higher than the national GMP in 2019.
    - This aligns with our Tu Te Ihi Problem Gambling Service recommendations to:
        - Adopt public health focussed initiatives and approaches to prevent and minimize harm from gambling within the community
        - To collaborate with and support Problem Gambligng Services as key providers of safe gambling strategies and initiatives within the community
        - Maintain safer gambling practices within all Class 4 Gaming venues (monitor is not active as maintain safer gambling practices)

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TE RŪNANGA O TOA RANGATIRA

Wendy Moore <> **Sent:** Wednesday, 13 October 2021 3:15 pm

To: Helmut Modlik <
Cc: Matiu Jennings <
Subject: Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Tēnā koe

Review of Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy

Hutt City Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy 2015 is currently under review. As you know we are reviewing the use of C4 gaming machines across Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt as part of Council's wider vision to create a city of thriving communities. Thank you for your involvement in the development of the policy to this point.

The attached document provides a brief outline of the current policy and the proposed changes for your consideration.

Consultation closes 5.00pm, Rāapa 3rd Whiringa-ā-rangi 2021. For any enquiries, please contact me - Wendy Moore, Head of Strategy and Planning on 04 570 6666 or wendy.moore@huttcity.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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TAB

TAB New Zealand's Feedback on Hutt City Council's Gambling Venue Policy

Introduction

1. TAB New Zealand (TAB NZ), formerly the New Zealand Racing Board, is a statutory body established through the Racing Industry Act 2020 which provides betting services to New Zealanders and is required to return profit back to New Zealand's racing and sporting organisations.

2. When you bet with the TAB on the gallops, trots or greyhounds, take a punt on the All Blacks or European football, every betting dollar contributes to grassroots racing and sports in New Zealand as well as the livelihoods of thousands of Kiwis involved in these sectors. Each year, around $170 million is returned to New Zealand racing and sports.

Summary

3. TAB NZ invites Hutt City Council to support option 2, the status quo;
   - Roll over the existing Class 4 Gambling Policy.
   - Roll over the existing TAB Venue Policy.
   - Retain the current relocation provision.

4. TAB NZ opposes the introduction of a sinking lid policy, and the removal of the ability for suburban venues to relocate.

Social Impact Assessment

5. The Social Impact Assessment and the NZIER Report contain a number of incorrect statements, assessments, long outdated academic references and opinion, and has a general anti-gambling bias rather than structured factual analysis of monetary and social costs/benefits to community groups, individuals, taxpayers and tax receivers, employment, financial wealth and mental health.

6. Accurate data compiled by KPMG, Department of Internal Affairs (the regulator) and the Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand is not referenced at all despite discrepancies with other data quoted.

7. TAB NZ does not argue that problem gambling does not cause harm, that fact is widely known that for some people that develop a gambling problem, problem

gamblers can experience the most severe negative consequences. For others, such as no-risk gamblers who experience zero harm, low risk and moderate risk gamblers could be categorised as inconsequential harm (low risk) such as feeling guilty after gambling, and temporary harm (moderate risk) such as feeling guilty and may have lost track of time

Gaming Grant Data

8. The reporting of gaming grant data contained within the assessment is misleading;

- Data is deliberately restricted to recipients clearly domiciled within the council boundaries and does not take into any consideration the benefit of how grants made to neighboring council areas still benefit the people of Lower Hutt.
- Further, no consideration is given to nationally based entities that are operating within and benefiting the people of Lower Hutt.
- Data excludes the funds generated from the five clubs based around Lower Hutt that use the funds for the benefit of their membership.
- No consideration is given to the benefits of the funds applied by TAB NZ that support the New Zealand Racing industry, and those whose livelihoods are directly or indirectly involved with racing and sports

Problem Gambling Interventions

9. The Social Impact Statement fails to provide recent Problem Gambling Intervention (all types) statistics suggesting Interventions in Lower Hutt have increased 69% from 171 persons (2013/14) to 247 persons (2017/18).

10. More recent data for 2019/20 shows 134 persons[1]. The Covid 19 shutdowns, 23 March 2020 - 13 May 2020, may have affected this figure minimally, as counseling services continued to operate via phone and online during the alert level restrictions.

11. Further, the more accurate method of calculation is to reference 'Interventions (excluding brief interventions)', which also shows a decrease in Lower Hutt from 78 persons (2013/14) to 48 persons in 2019/20.

12. Treatment service presentations have been in decline in NZ since approximately 2014/2015. This includes gamblers and those affected by someone's gambling, which indicates less crisis requiring such interventions.

13. New Zealand has a very low problem gambling rate by international standards. The New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 4 (2015)[2] found the problem gambling rate for **ALL** forms of gambling was 0.2% of adults (18 years and over).

14. TAB NZ contributes to a problem gambling service levy. This levy provides approximately $20 million per annum to the Ministry of Health to support and treat gambling problems and to increase public awareness of safer gambling through the health promotion agency. The funding is ring-fenced and not able to be redirected to other health areas.

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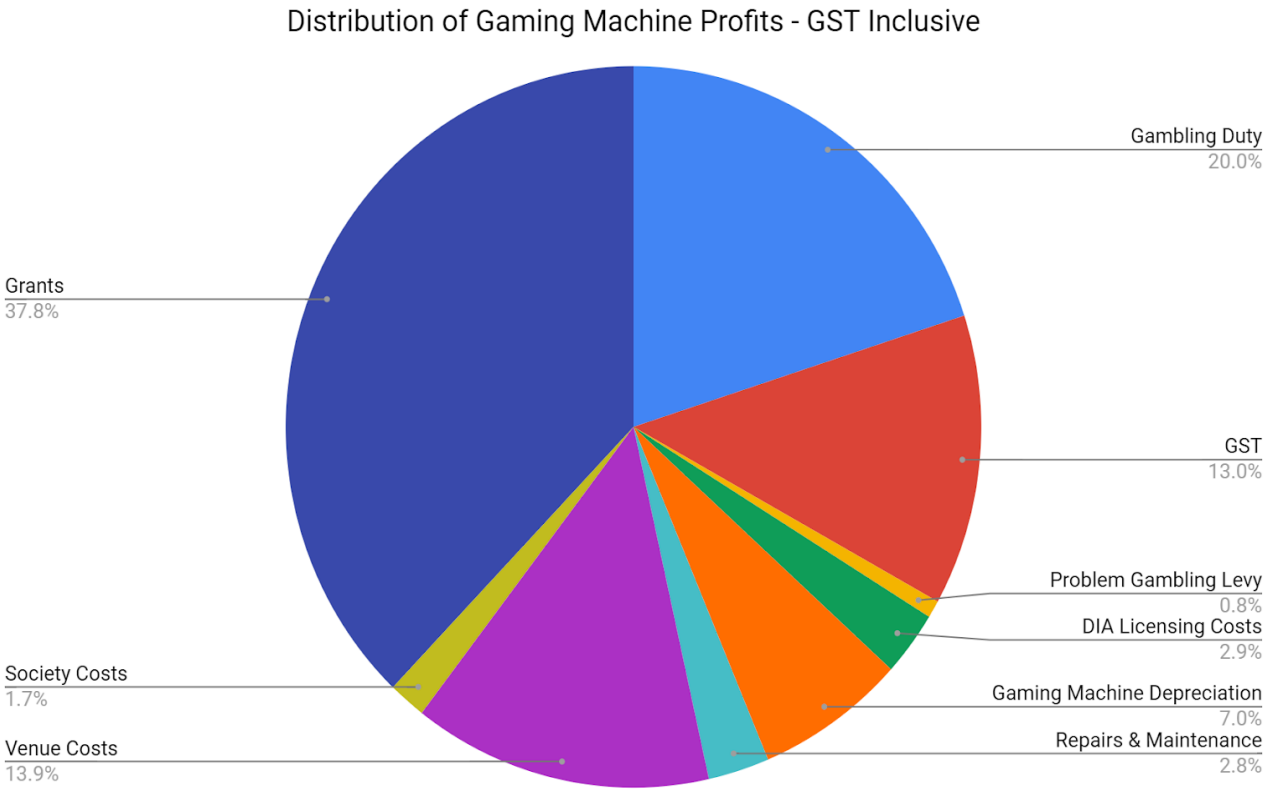
[1] https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addiction/addiction/gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data#territorial

[2] https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/national-gambling-study-report-6-aug18.pdf

15. Revenue breakdown;

As per the regulations - the 'return to player' for a non-casino gaming machine is **required** to be set between 78% and 92% - with most being set at 91.5%. For example, for every dollar gambled, on average, 91.5 cents is returned to the player as winnings. The money retained - Gaming Machine Profits, is typically allocated as follows:



The Current Policy is Reasonable

16. The current Hutt City Council policy (capped at 545 gaming machines) is reasonable, given the current environment of good Government regulation and naturally reducing gambling machine numbers through attrition.

17. Therefore, a more restrictive policy, such as a sinking lid policy will prevent good operators moving in or relocating their premises. Such a restrictive policy that has intentions of ensuring the eventual removal of venues could have unintended consequences of forcing populations to leave the locality to participate in gambling or venture into the offshore online gaming arena with no regulation, have little or no harm minimisation measures, machine minimum standards are not applied and there is no benefit to local communities and operators.

18. Retaining the current policy cap (or alternatively, setting a cap at current gaming machine numbers) is appropriate as:

- *Gaming machine numbers have already declined considerably within NZ*
- *The problem gambling rate, for all forms of gambling is low by international standard, 0.2% of the adult population, and likely to remain low in the foreseeable future*
- *The proposed restrictions may accelerate the migration of the gambling spend to offshore online offerings that make no community grants, pay no New Zealand taxes, have minimal/no harm minimisation requirements and remain unregulated by NZ*

TAB Venues

19. A Council's TAB Policy applies to 'standalone' TAB NZ Venues only.

20. TAB NZ takes its harm minimisation and responsible gambling obligations very seriously. TAB NZ conducts its business activities with integrity and is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for customers to wager responsibly.

    TAB venues offer local in store betting services for racing and sport, and act as communale hubs for those that wish to avoid a bar environment. TAB NZ does not serve or permit alcohol within its venues, which reduces comorbidity or co-existing risk factors. TAB NZ employs local staff and contributes to NZ by way of taxes, levies, profit distribution and problem gambling treatment referrals.

    Offshore betting providers do not contribute to New Zealand via taxes. Offshore betting providers do not contribute to the New Zealand problem gambling levy. Further, the harm minimisation procedures of offshore-based betting providers are not regulated.

21. TAB NZ Venues provide an environment whose staff are well trained to identify potential problem gambler indicators and to intervene and provide assistance to those persons. Such intervention and assistance may not be as readily available within offshore online gambling environments.

22. The Current TAB Venue Policy is reasonable

TAB NZ Venues and Harm Minimisation

23. All TAB NZ Venues have internal CCTV for the security and safety of staff and customers

24. All TAB NZ Venues have signage displayed that encourages players to gamble only at levels they can afford. This includes the TAB's *Has the Fun Stopped? Take a Time-out* responsible gambling campaign, which is prominently displayed in all TAB Venues. The signage provides advice on how to seek assistance for problem gambling.

25. Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are prohibited in any TAB NZ Venues.

26. TAB NZ does not sell or serve alcohol in its Venues

27. TAB NZ provides problem gambling awareness training to each employee and agent.

TAB NZ Venues are Clean, Well-lit and Open

28. The TAB NZ Venues in New Zealand are consistently being remodelled and upgraded. Gone are the days of poorly lit venues that are designed to shield those inside from the gaze of the general public.

29. New TAB NZ Venues are designed to ensure that the gambling activity is transparent and look modern and well lit so as to ensure customers cannot gamble "anonymously" in the dark.

Alcohol Free Environment

30. All TAB NZ Venues are alcohol-free. It is well documented that alcohol consumption is known to contribute to potential problem gambling for some people.

31. The link between alcohol use, smoking and problem gambling was noted by the Ministry of Health in the 2009 document *A Focus on Problem Gambling: Results of the 2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey*[3] as follows:

> Problem gambling was significantly associated with current smoking and hazardous alcohol consumption. Compared to people with no gambling problems, problem gamblers had:
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> - 3.73 times the odds of being a current smoker
> - 5.20 times the odds of having hazardous drinking behaviour
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> after accounting for possible confounding factors.

32. In the standalone TAB NZ Venue environment, the staff are solely dedicated to the service of gambling and monitoring of gambling activity.

TAB NZ Venues Have Modest Trading Hours

33. TAB offerings in bars, clubs and hotels are available until the establishment closes. TAB NZ Venues operating hours are modest by comparison, with standard trading hours being:

Monday:	*11am - 7pm*
Tuesday:	*11am - 7pm*
Wednesday:	*11am - 8pm*
Thursday:	*11am - 10pm*
Friday:	*11am - 10pm*
Saturday:	*9am - 8pm*
Sunday:	*11am - 7pm*

Relocations

34. The current Relocation Provision in the HCC policy is supported.

35. Venue relocation is a harm minimisation tool. Allowing venue relocation is positive and enables venues to move out of residential areas to more suitable areas, such as;

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3 http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/a-focus-on-problem-gambling-results-200607-nz-health-survey.pdf

- From a high deprivation area to a lower deprivation area.
- From an unsuitable site such as a residential area or an area close to a sensitive site (e.g., a school or library) to a more suitable area such as a central business district.
- To new, more modern & vibrant refurbished premises.
- Out of earthquake-prone buildings.
- Out of large blocks of land that could be used for other purposes, such as new high-density affordable housing or other business facilities.

36. TAB NZ does not support the position taken by certain lobby groups that too many venues are in high deprivation areas, and then recommend councils not allow relocations (i.e. a 'gold standard' sinking lid policy). This position simply entrenches venues to remain in those locations without any ability to relocate until they are no longer financially viable and must close.

Online and Offshore Gambling

37. The Gambling Act addresses responsible gambling, focusing on;

- The **integrity** of gambling - Lawful, fair and honest participation.
- The **environment** gambling is conducted in is safe and secure.
- Gambling **without pressure** or devices to encourage gambling at levels that may cause harm.
- **Informed participation** in gambling - understanding the nature of the activity and not participating in ways that may cause harm.

38. It's illegal to advertise offshore gambling within New Zealand. However, it is not illegal for New Zealanders to participate in offshore online gambling sites, and a simple Google search can result in easy access to all forms of online gambling - including replicas of the gaming machines currently available in Class 4 venues, but without harm minimisation components that are regulated within NZ.

General Overseas Gambling and Wagering

39. TAB NZ estimates,, through data analysis, that total online spend with offshore gambling websites by New Zealanders for the 12 months to August 2020 was **$570-$580m**, consisting of;

- **$120-$125m** to offshore wagering providers, and
- **$450-$455m** to offshore online casino game providers.

40. TAB NZ estimated, through data analysis, that total online spend with offshore casino game providers has ***increased 56% year-on-year*** and ***40% on a three year compound annual growth rate***.

41. TAB NZ also estimated that the spend for the July 2020 quarter alone was **$139m**, an increase of 133% on the July Quarter 2019.

42. Accordingly, figures sourced from SimilarWeb also provide some insight into hours spent on popular casino sites for the 12 months to 30 June 2021. Note, Sky City Casino is ranked 6th in the NZ online casino market relative to other casino sites:

Top 10 Online Casino Sites Used by New Zealanders **Total Time Spent on Site (Hours)**			
Name	**Website**	**%**	**Hours**
Spin Casino	*https://www.spincasino.com*	*35%*	*1,548,000*
Jackpot City Casino	*https://www.jackpotcitycasino.com*	*31%*	*1,378,000*
Voodoo Dream	*https://www.voodoodreams.com*	*10%*	*422,000*
Leo Vegas	*https://www.leovegas.com*	*5%*	*213,000*
Royal Vegas Online Casino	*https://www.royalvegascasino.com*	*5%*	*212,000*
Sky City Online Casino	*https://www.skycitycasino.com*	*4%*	*197,000*
Ruby Fortune	*https://www.rubyfortune.com*	*4%*	*160,000*
Gaming Club Casino	*https://www.gamingclub.com/nz*	*3%*	*135,000*
Casigo	*https://www.casigo.com*	*2%*	*87,000*
Twin	*https://twin.com*	*2%*	*85,000*
Total (Hours)			*4,437,000*

43. The above highlights a significant and continuous increase in offshore online gambling internationally.

Offshore online gambling poses a considerable risk to New Zealand, as it Is completely unregulated, so on-line gamblers can be encouraged to gamble more through high value inducements. For example, many offshore sites offer sizable cash bonuses to a customer's account for each friend that they induce to also open an account and deposit funds.

44. Offshore-based online gambling does not generate any community funding, nor does it generate any tax revenue for the Government, nor does it make any contribution to the health and treatment services as no contribution is made to the problem gambling levy.

Oral Hearing

45. TAB NZ would like to make a presentation at the upcoming oral hearing.

Niall Miller
TAB New Zealand

NUKU ORA SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICY

To HUTT CITY COUNCIL

on the:

CLASS 4 GAMBLING VENUE AND BOARD VENUE POLICY – Statement of Proposal

Date:

3 November 2021

Address for contact:
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INTRODUCTION

1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy.
2. After consideration of the Statement of Proposal, our preferred option would be a hybrid approach i.e. Option 2: Status quo with amendments (from other options).

CONTEXT

3. There is strong sector reliance on Class 4 funding as a source of income used to support the operations of providers, both community and regional, across all domains of physical activity.
4. A decrease in the number of machines means a corresponding decrease in the amount of funding available to the sector. This would be in an environment where sport particularly is at a tipping point in relation to the costs of providing opportunities and participants' ability to pay to participate in these opportunities.
5. Costs have increased as everyone involved (including Councils) attempts to recover from the impacts of successive Covid lockdowns. For our sector this has meant increased costs for ground and venue hire, reduced volunteer support (where volunteers provide services for free that organisations would otherwise have to pay for), and reduced affordability for participants.
6. Community active recreation and sport organisations have traditionally been reliant on Class 4 gaming, and while this makes these organisations vulnerable this is their reality where they are using a funding source that is regularly available and accessible in the absence of other viable funding options. There are organisations in our region who would not be able to operate without this funding.
7. There are no other sources of funding currently that would provide a substitute for Class 4 funding being accessed by community organisations. Without the opportunity to access grants from gaming machine proceeds, many community organisations would have to reduce their activities, and many would struggle to survive.
8. Organisations are working hard to diversify their income however, corporate dollars are extremely difficult to access, fundraising activity does not generate a high return, and there is unlikely to be any Government funding set aside to cover the activities that are currently funded by Class 4.
9. In an ideal world there would be less reliance on this funding by the sector, however this is not realistic currently.

Community benefit of play, sport, and recreation

10. Active recreation and sport activities play a significant part in people's lives in the wider region.
11. Sport New Zealand's 2015 report on The Economic Value of Sport and Recreation to the Wellington Region identified the following:
    - Nearly 9 out of 10 (89.7 per cent) young people (5-17 years) in the region spend at least three hours per week in organised or informal sport and recreation activity.

- Over 8 out of 10 (86.5 per cent) adults (18 years or older) take part in at least one sport or recreation activity (excluding walking and gardening) over a year.
- These activities are supported by 115,000 volunteers.
- Volunteers contributed 8.1 million hours to sport and recreation in 2013/14.
- The estimated market value of these volunteered services is $122.7 million at 2013 values.
- Sport and recreation industries provide employment for people in the Wellington region
- More than 4,000 people (4,311) work in sport and recreation industries
- The sport and recreation sector (narrowly defined) is estimated to have contributed $388.6 million to regional GDP in 2012/13, or 1.3 per cent.
- Sport and recreation education is important in Wellington schools with just over five per cent of the National Curriculum being related to sport and recreation.

Gambling in New Zealand

12. Gambling is a legal activity in New Zealand.

13. In its National Gambling Study, the Ministry of Health identifies that around 75% of New Zealand adults regularly participate in gambling for entertainment and approximately one in five adults gambles weekly. Rates of gambling have remained unchanged since 2005.

14. About 33% of those who gamble play licensed machines. Lotto, Instant Kiwi, raffles, betting on horses/dogs are the other main forms of gambling.

15. Problem gambling rates reduced significantly during the 1990s and have remained at the same level (around 0.2% - 0.6%) since that time.

COMMENT

Our preferred option

16. Our preferred option is a hybrid of the three options identified. In essence we do not support the sinking lid approach but believe that other amendments identified in Options 1 and 3 when added to the status quo would create a robust policy approach. For example, making provision for restrictions on gaming machines in council venues and council use of gaming machine funds, adding the kaitiaki approach, and requiring a social impact assessment would benefit the current policy approach.

Online gambling a greater threat

17. A sinking lid approach in and of itself will not reduce problem gambling, it may reduce the opportunity but not impact the behaviour. As we saw through Covid-19 lockdown, people who want to gamble will find other ways to do so. Online gambling is on the increase.

18. While the extent of online gambling by New Zealanders has yet to be fully researched, it is obvious from overseas research and anecdotal evidence that online gambling is growing very quickly. In 2019 it was estimated that around $381 million was gambled through offshore operators during the previous 18 months.

19. The Department of Internal Affairs identifies that currently, Lotto NZ and the TAB are the only New Zealand-based gambling providers that can offer online gambling products to New Zealanders. However, more and more New Zealanders are choosing to gamble online on

offshore sites. While it is illegal for offshore online gambling operators to advertise in New Zealand, it is not illegal for New Zealanders to gamble on their sites.

20. These online gambling options are more harmful because they are unsupervised, less regulated, incentivised to encourage more gambling, are accessible 24/7, not controlled by New Zealand law currently and use virtual money rather than cash. And there is no return to the community.

21. In contrast, Class 4 Gaming is well-regulated to provide a financial return to the community for the benefit of those communities and has stringent harm minimisation requirements that must be met in order to continue to operate.

Community good

22. By law a minimum of 40% of gaming machine revenue and 100% of the profits are returned to the community. Around 90% of the funds returned are to the communities in which they are raised.

23. A sinking lid approach would eventually deny access for community groups to funding that supports their activities within communities in Lower Hutt and the magnitude of good that is achieved with that funding will be lost. The vast social value created by the funding generated from gambling must be properly acknowledged. Children are the usual beneficiaries of the application of these funds.

24. It is important to recognise that this funding is not applied to projects or programmes that are 'nice' extras. Funding in most instances is used to support core costs incurred within sport and recreation and in many cases to keep the doors open. The common categories across which funding can be classified are salaries, facility hire costs, sports equipment, maintenance, events, tournaments and camps, and coaching.

25. Additionally, there may be some financial consequences for Hutt City Council should a sinking lid policy be applied. As an example, gaming funding is often accessed to cover costs associated with facility and ground hire from Hutt City Council. In the absence of access to Class 4 funding, there will be increased expectations on Council to fund activities that were previously funded through gaming proceeds, to at least preserve the status quo in terms of delivery of active recreation and sport services.

Problem gambling

26. Problem gambling is a complex social issue. We acknowledge there is a social cost to gambling when this becomes a problem for an individual and when it impacts their family and friends. And we appreciate that the people impacted are often those who face a range of other inequities.

27. There is no evidence to suggest that a reduction in gaming machines and venues will reduce problem gambling. Despite a reduction in the number of gaming machines and venues over a number of years, the problem gambling rate has not changed appreciably over the same time period.

28. The Class 4 industry pays an annual problem gambling levy of $20 million to the Government and gaming trusts directly spend $3-4 million each year on other harm prevention and minimisation initiatives.

29. We support the continued funding to address this issue.

In conclusion:

- We thank you again for the opportunity to provide you with feedback on your Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal
- We do not support a sinking lid policy approach but do see value in including other amendments to the current policy approach
- We will take the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Phil Gibbons ONZM
CEO, Nuku Ora

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council
By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

We support option 2, the status quo policy.

The current policy allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. A more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time. The current policy is appropriate because:

- The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations (over $5.2m each year).
- The gaming machine funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.
- A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.
- Without gaming machine funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.
- As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.
- It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain Covid-19 times, commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.

We [redacted]/do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: _____

Organisation Name: NZ Water Polo Association

Name: Pamela Scheirlinck

Phone or email: _____

Jackie Sowry

From: MCNELIS Paul <>
Sent: Sunday, 7 November 2021 11:20 AM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Pokie Gambling In Lower Hutt City

Haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

The latest '*Naenae News*' requests comments regarding the extent of Pokie Machines in our local area. In respect to my locale of Naenae where I have lived for the past 62 years, I am personally a very minimal user of Pokies but certainly agree there is an excessive number within our suburb. The 3 places which I would specifically target for a significant reduction are:-

-- Naenae TAB
-- Olympic Hotel
-- Naenae Hotel (before it re-opens)

Conversely, I strongly recommend Naenae Bowling Club/RSA retain their Pokies, this venue being extremely well run and by far, the best facility in Naenae and is also utilised by many community groups, including Rotary who use the venue their fortnightly meetings. It is truly the 'Sportshub' for Naenae for which Naenae Bowling Club is its main but certainly not sole user of the facility. Sadly, unlike the ever floundering Fraser Park Sportsville (for which I am also a long time member of 2 of the clubs therein), Naenae Bowling Club/RSA is extremely well managed since its opening. From an initial 180 of only 5 odd years ago, membership now exceeds 1300 for which I would estimate at least 40% are Women who certainly feel welcome and are comfortable frequenting the venue. Funding from the Pokie machines retains the quality of the upkeep of the facility within and outside for the direct benefit of it's ever increasing Membership plus Bowlers throughout the Wellington Region with teams from throughout NZ (plus from Australia) attending tournaments, many of which have been televised - which certainly projects Lower Hutt City in a most favourable light nationally for which Wellington City, Porirua City and Upper Hutt City have nothing to match it.

There is a lot more I could say but in conclusion, Naenae Sports Hub must retain their Pokie Machines to continue the excellent work it has achieved in this part of Lower Hutt. Lastly, I am not a Committee Member of any of the affiliated clubs or RSA's within Naenae Sport Hub.

Yours sincerely

Paul McNelis

7 Nov 2021

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Petone Working Men's Club

19 October 2021

Hutt City Council
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Hutt Central
Lower Hutt 5010

Attention:
Wendy Moore
Head of Strategy & Planning

RE: Review of Class 4 (C4) Gambling Venue & Board Venue Policy

Dear Wendy,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Hutt City Council's review of the Class 4 Gambling Venue & Board Venue policy and the opportunity for the Petone Working Men's Club to share our thoughts via this submission.

Like almost every social activity, we believe that gambling can have both a negative and positive impact on individuals and the wider community and while the costs of gambling have been extensively analysed and discussed, the benefits – social and financial – are unfortunately either downplayed or ignored.

What we can share with you is what we see from the Club's perspective and the enjoyment that this type of activity provides for our members and guests. For many, this form of entertainment provides an opportunity to relax and socialize in a warm, friendly, and convivial environment, often with like-minded individuals. They have the opportunity to interact with others and strengthening their social connections, all the while improving their mental health and wellbeing.

Our Net Proceeds Committee meet monthly to review and discuss funding requests and distribute "authorised purposes" grants to various sporting clubs, schools, not-for-profit organisations and community groups to name just a few.
We are also able to offer our members and guests access to various wellness activities throughout the week, including Tai Chi, Yoga, balance and dance classes, all thanks to the revenue generated by our gaming turnover. In reality, we would struggle to financially support these worthwhile activities without it.

Petone Working Men's Club

Like us, many C4 venues in the area are well supervised by experienced staff who are conversant with host responsibility and harm minimisation requirements.
They are accustomed to operating within the current legislative and regulatory framework as outlined under the Gambling Act 2003 and many offer other activities such as dining, socializing, sport and live entertainment for their guests to enjoy.

Based on this, our view is that the Hutt City Council should maintain the Option 2 'status quo' regarding the current Gambling Venue policy, with a view to continued engagement and conversations with venues, support services and community groups.

We believe this collaborative approach will ensure that all parties continue to take a pragmatic approach to minimizing C4 gambling harm in a supportive and constructive environment.

Thank you for reading our submission and I am more than happy to add to these comments should you wish.

Kind regards,

Iain Craw
General Manager

Petone Working Men's Club and Literary Institute

Cc:
PWMC Executive Committee

10 November 2021

Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road
Lower Hutt

Tena Koe,

Submission: Hutt City Council Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Our submission on the review of the Hutt City Council's Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy follows. The submission has been prepared by Hikoikoi Management Limited on behalf of the Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust.

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Tū Tama Roto,
Tū Tama Waho

To know oneself, is to know others

Submission:
Hutt City Council Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

"The burden of gambling harm is falling disproportionately on Māori communities, with Māori more likely to be at risk of being a problem gambler"

The Impacts of Gambling For Māori Families and Communities: A Strengths-Based Approach to Achieving Whānau Ora Te Rūnanga o Kirikiriroa, 2015

Background

Wellington Tenths Trust is an Iwi Authority established as a result of the agreement between the New Zealand Company and the Rangatira of Te Atiawa in 1839. The Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust operating under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.

The Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust is an Ahu Whenua Trust constituted under Section 244 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993. This Trust originated through an act of the Crown in 1866 when Governor Grey exchanged Te Ātiawa land interests in Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt, with a block of land which is now part of central Palmerston North.

Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust and Wellington Tenths Trust are known as "sister trusts". This is because they emanate from the same parents, that being the land and waters at Te Whanganui-a-Tara. Both Trusts are comprised of ētehi o ngā hapū/iwi o Taranaki who are mana whenua in the takiwā of Wellington, Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt cities.

The Trusts have approximately 7500 owners and their whanau, representing a total of over 20,000 people.

Hikoikoi Management Limited is the company responsible for managing, maintaining and increasing the assets and interests of the Wellington Tenths Trust and the Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust and their associated entities for the benefit of its owners.

Our concerns

Electronic gaming machines (EGMs) are a significant public health issue in Aotearoa/New Zealand. However, New Zealanders usually only recognise problem gambling or the gambling addiction of individuals as the main impact of EGMs.

We are particularly concerned about the wider public health impacts of Class 4 gambling particularly the social and economic impacts and other harms caused by Class 4 EGM gambling on Māori in our rohe.

There has been a great deal of research into the participation of Māori in gambling and the effects of gambling on Māori. The Ministry of Health in their document *Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm (2019)* report that the prevalence of moderate-risk (problem) gambling is relatively high for both Māori men and Māori women. Māori women are more likely than Māori men to experience harm from someone else's gambling.

The *Health and Lifestyles Survey (Thimasarn-Anwar, Squire, and Trowland 2017)* reported that Māori are nearly six times as likely to be moderate risk/problem gamblers as European/Other people.

We note that the report commissioned by council from the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) into Class 4 gambling in Lower Hutt contains significant information on the potential effects of Class 4 gambling on Māori and Pasifika.

In the 2018 census Māori made up 18.4% of Lower Hutt's population, slightly higher than the national average. The NZIER report states that Lower Hutt's population in areas of high deprivation reflects a much higher proportion of people (41%) who identify as Māori or Pasifka than Lower Hutt's areas of low deprivation.

The Problem Gambling Foundation of NZ reports that in 2019 of the 15,476 machines in the country, 50% (7,700) were in the most deprived communities.

The NZIER report states that EGMs in Lower Hutt are disproportionately located in higher deprivation areas, including 93 (22%) of the 425 EGMs being in the most deprived areas (NZDep 10) with no EGMs located in the least deprived areas (NZDep 1).

Analysis of data in the same report indicates that 52.5% of gaming machine expenditure comes from Lower Hutt's most deprived areas (NZDep 7-10).

In Lower Hutt it seems that most of the money going to Trusts and Societies from EGMs is coming from the pockets of our poorest residents many of whom are Māori.

While there is an argument that the funding returned to the community is a good thing, unfortunately, the funding returned to community and sporting groups has created another issue. Many of these groups are completely reliant on the funding and would not survive without it. Most would rather not take the funding but are unable to find another option. In our view this has resulted in another addiction, not to the machines but to the funding.

Lower Hutt has a higher number of EGMs per 1000 population than the national average. A key component in addressing the impacts to public health of EGMs is to look at the availability and location of EGMs.

We believe that one of the strategies council should adopt to address the impact on Māori from Class 4 Gambling is to apply the sinking lid policy and reduce the number and availability of EGMs in Lower Hutt.

Recommendation

Studies and data paint a grim picture of the social and economic impacts to Māori from Class 4 gambling and EGMs. Council needs to control the growth of Class 4 gaming machine numbers within Hutt City and put in place measures to reduce the harm caused by problem gambling.

We agree with council's statements on page four of the Statement of Proposal document and encourage council to adopt a public health approach to reduce harm and refocus policy objectives to:

a. recognise the addictive nature and inequitable impact of gambling on the Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai/Lower Hutt community and
b. acknowledge the council's role in mitigating this.

We tautoko the purpose of council's Statement of Proposal to take a public health approach, focused on preventing and minimising gambling harms, and moving council's policy objectives away from emphasising the individual responsibility of gamblers to acknowledging the societal risks and harms of gambling.

After consideration of the proposed changes to the HCC's policy we strongly recommend council adopt Option 1 – Sinking Lid.

We believe that Option 1 will prevent new gaming machine venues from opening and reduce the number of gaming machines over time. This is a key measure in minimising harm to Māori and the wider community of Lower Hutt.

We strongly urge council to carefully consider the excellent report provided by the NZIER on Class 4 Gambling in Lower Hut. We also tautoko the recommendation of the NZIER that council undertake in-depth research into individual gambling behaviour in Lower Hutt. As stated in the NZIER report we need the data in this area to conduct the robust analysis that allows Class 4 gambling policy to be made with a clear understanding of the potential harms of this activity on vulnerable individuals and households in the city.

From: Kathleen Caughley <>
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 2:52 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gambling Policy

We, Ross & Kathleen Caughley at Naenae want to have our say regarding the current gambling policy which is under consideration.

We prefer the Per Capita approach to reduce the cap to 325 machines & 25 venues to align with National Averages.

Kathleen Caughley

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Ruth Fyfe <>
Sent: Thursday, 4 November 2021 1:00 PM
To: haveyoursay
Cc: Graham Fyfe; Tim Makarios; Deborah Makarios
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Tēnā koe,

I am submitting in favour of reducing the number of gaming machines in Te Awa Kairangi. This is in line with the HCC's wellbeing approach, and with my own values. I would not like organisations I support to continue to rely on the addictions of others.

I have been trying to understand the rules around C4 licensing in order to work out whether the 'sinking lid' or the 'per capita' approach would be better. My understanding is that most licenses currently held are for an unlimited timeframe, and don't need to be renewed, which could mean that it may be some time before a sinking lid policy actually resulted in a reduction in the number of gaming machines. **Therefore, I submit in favour of a per capita approach** in the short term.

I believe a sinking lid policy is a better long-term approach though because it means that the number of gaming machines will continue to reduce over time. **My own suggestion would be that the HCC reduces the cap as per the per capita approach, as well as adopting the sinking lid policy afterwards** so that the number of gaming machines will be reduced immediately, and then continue to reduce, slowly eliminating the dependence on these machines over time.

Ngā mihi,
Ruth Fyfe

Jackie Sowry

From: Ryan Kennedy <>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 November 2021 9:03 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gambling policy

I support the sinking lid approach

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From: Wendy Moore
Sent: Tuesday, 12 October 2021 8:31 AM
To: Jackie Sowry
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Saints Softball Club Feedback on Class 4 Gambling & Venue Policy

Mōrena Jackie – a submission on the Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy. Ngā mihi

From: HV Saints Softball [mailto:hvsaintssoftball@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 11 October 2021 11:12 PM
To: Wendy Moore; Graeme Davidson
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Saints Softball Club Feedback on Class 4 Gambling & Venue Policy

Kia ora

Below is feedback from the Saints Women's Softball Club on the Class 4 Gambling and Venue Policy.

We are a small female focused women's softball club that relies heavily on Gaming Trust funding to help with

- costs associated with running two women's softball tournaments; one for elite and one for developing players. Both are annual tournaments that have been running for 25+ years
- a club junior player development programme
- a primary school programme that provides softball to 10 schools in the HV region
- a club pitching coach
- uniforms
- equipment
- travel & accommodation to attend national club championships
- assistance with the national travel levy for players selected in national teams

The levys that we charge our players only cover the cost of affiliation fees, ground, umpire & scorers fees to HV and NZ Softball Associations. We also offer a family concession fee and our players only pay one team levy even though many of them play across multiple grades.

Effectively this leaves us out of pocket at the end of most seasons and we are committed to many fundraisers to help fill the gap that exists because of the shortfall in fees received.

The simple answer would be to put the fees up. However we are committed to developing and promoting women's softball in the Hutt Valley and we often draw our members from low socio economic areas or large families. We do not want a lack of money to be a reason for women to not play softball.

Our prefered option for the gambling and venue policy is Option 3. We understand the harm that gambling does in some communities but we are also mindful of the following issues:

- Gamblers will simply turn to online betting or travel to other destinations to continue playing the pokies and will be taking money out of our community that would normally be spent in our bars and establishments
- Greater effort should be made to retain a larger % of profits in the Hutt Valley
- A greater % of the profits made should be allocated to addressing the gambling problems and harm incurred in our community, specifically in our deprived communities

- The Naenae Bowling Club is a wonderful facility for our community. It attracts people of all ages to enjoy the facilities. If the pokies were to be removed, the punters would simply spend more money on the horses or dogs or go across the road to the new Naenae Hotel being rebuilt thus taking money & people away from the Bowling Club.
- The machines won't go away and people will just spend more money they don't have in petrol to travel further, potentially taking friends with them and money out of the community.
- We understand the council wants to do their bit in the communities and obviously gambling is a part of it, but the problems are deeper than local council can fix and we feel it wouldn't be in the best interest to go with option 1.
- We have been lucky in the past as gaming trusts have supported our club through gaming but that has fallen away in recent years due to many reasons. We are already feeling the pressure of reduced funding.
- If the council were to try and reduce the number of pokies In Lower Hutt, what plan have the council got in place to combat the loss in grant funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our views

Saints Softball Club

Submission to HUTT CITY COUNCIL:
Proposed Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy

November 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to submit The Lion Foundation's (TLF) response to the Hutt City Council's statement of proposal to amend the Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy.

The Lion Foundation is one of New Zealand's largest gaming machine societies by venue number, machine number and money returned to the community through grants. We currently operate 14 electronic gaming machines (EGMs) at one venue (Victoria Tavern) in Hutt City.

Formed in 1985, we have distributed over $985m in grants to local, regional and national community causes since our inception and over $35m in our 2020/2021 financial year.

The Lion Foundation acknowledges the thorough and comprehensive process undertaken by the Council Policy Advisors. We do however detect a strong anti-gambling bias in the Social Impact Assessment Report. This is unfortunate as the New Zealand community funding model is one of the most efficient in the world and we support any review that allows consideration to be given to the **total impact** that gambling has on and within our communities. In New Zealand, gaming is not operated for commercial gain, but rather for community gain.

2. SUMMARY OF THE LION FOUNDATION'S POSITION – Class 4 Gambling Venues

The Lion Foundation supports the retention of the current policy and status quo.

The Lion Foundation further submits, that given the current environment of high regulation and naturally reducing machine numbers as well as the fact that there is no evidence to support the finding that a reduction in venues or machines results in a reduction in problem gambling, it would be appropriate to **retain the status quo**.

TLF does not support the adoption of either options 1 or 3. We submit that a further option – that of reducing the cap to the current number of gaming machines (438) at current venues is a suitable alternative option that should be explored.

Our full submission is set out hereinafter. We would appreciate an opportunity to present an oral submission to the Council at the appropriate hearing.

3. ABOUT THE LION FOUNDATION (TLF)

The Lion Foundations' purpose, simply put, is to effectively and efficiently sustain community funding. Our aim is to protect and help people build better communities in a way that is safe, ethical, transparent, and consistent with the intent of the Gambling Act.

Our focus is on compliance and the reduction of gambling harm. The Lion Foundation is not here to grow or promote Gambling.

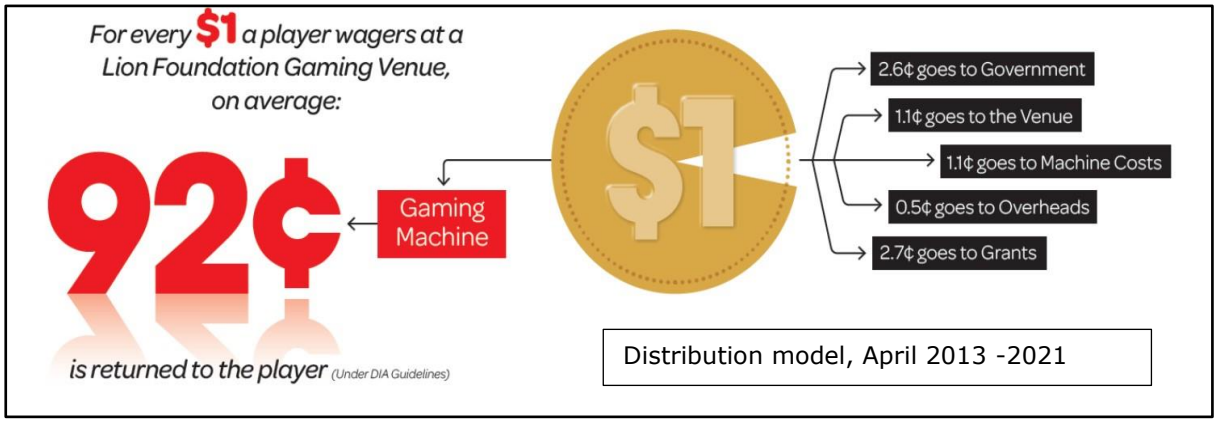
TLF aims to return at least 90% of funds back to the community of origin (where the funds were generated), with the remaining 10% of funds being returned to organisations providing a national benefit to all New Zealanders.

All local and regional grants are considered by a Regional Grants Committee, comprised of local community members.

We are a broad based, inclusive funder - that is, we fund a wide range of organisations across all community groups. Our grants are committed to the following community sectors:

- Sport
- Community, Arts & Culture
- Health
- Education

The Lion Foundation distribution of proceeds from its operations is:



Distribution model, April 2013 -2021

We are acutely aware of our responsibilities and obligations to prevent and minimise harm caused by problem gambling. We actively train all venue staff to recognise and provide help to problem gamblers; providing extensive information and material to assist with the prevention and reduction of harm caused by problem gambling.

4. THE LION FOUNDATION IN HUTT CITY COUNCIL

We currently operate 14 electronic gaming machines (EGMs) at one venue in the district. The venue, Victoria Tavern (140 Jackson Street, Petone), has been beautifully refurbished by the owner/operator. Care was taken to ensure outstanding quality of fit out and earthquake strengthening work.

Although the venue is licensed to operate 18 EGMs, the venue only operates 14 EGMs. The Venue Operator/Manager is a member of the local community and has the community's interest at the heart of his business. The gambling aspect of the operator's business is not driven by profit. In keeping with the purpose of venue payments authorised by the Gambling Act, the venue operator receives fair and reasonable remuneration for hosting TLF's EGMS at the venue. TLF does not in any way incentivise its operators to host EGMS.

The HCC Social Impact Assessment Report relies on incorrect grants data received from Problem Gambling Foundation, despite PGF themselves acknowledging that their data is incomplete and inaccurate. TLF was not approached by HCC to ascertain the total of grants distributed by TLF in the period referenced in the Report. We also note that the report does not deal with funding applied by Clubs to benefit the very members who play the machines.

Relevant accurate data compiled by KPMG as part of a joint project between the Department of Internal Affairs, Sport New Zealand, and the Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand (GMANZ) is readily available.

The data compiled by KPMG (and submitted by GMANZ separately) correctly indicates that the Lion Foundation has distributed grants in the amount of $108,713 in the period 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019. Grants distributed by TLF included grants to:

Netball Hutt Valley	Wellington Land and Sea Rescue	Hutt City Women's Refuge
Hutt Valley Sports Awards	Te Omanga Hospice Trust	Theatre Awards Trust
Toku Reo Charitable Trust	Hutt Valley Youth Health Trust	

The above-mentioned figures do not take into account funding provided to organisations that benefit all New Zealand Communities (National organisations). Some organisations funded include:

Life Education Trust	Royal NZ Ballet	Graeme Dingle Foundation
New Zealand Red Cross	NZ Football	Surf Lifesaving NZ Inc
Special Olympics NZ	Netball NZ	Basketball NZ
Endometriosis N Z	Autism NZ	Royal NZ Plunket Soc Inc
Barnardo's N Z	NZ Spinal Trust	Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust
Assistance Dogs NZ	NZ Rugby League Inc	Paralympics NZ Inc

We specifically highlight grants distributed to Autism NZ. In addition to funding to assist with rental payments ($25,000) per annum, TLF has supported the construction and fit out of the Autism Resource Centre in Petone. A total of $170,000 was granted for this project - $60,000 (2016); $60,000 (2018) and $50,000 (2019). We are very proud to have been able to provide funding for this amazing project.

It is also important to note that TLF has stringent processes that are employed when a grant is assessed to ensure that grant funding lands where it is supposed to land. It is important to understand that grants can only be distributed for authorised purpose (Gambling Act) and can only be distributed upon successful application.

TLF acknowledges that a vast majority of volunteer-based community organisations do not always have the ability to navigate the quagmire that is involved in applying for Class 4 funding. The highly regulated and complicated granting process is difficult enough for professional funding advisors to navigate. In an effort to ensure that all community organisations have a fair opportunity to access community funding, TLF has launched a series of educational webinars. The webinars provide valuable "*how to information*" and are proving to be a success.

In addition to the distribution of gaming proceeds to a variety of organisations, "pokies in pubs" contributes to the microeconomics of the city. Numerous anti-gambling research papers issued in support of sinking lid policies fail to identify the economic value currently generated by the gambling sector when concluding that a sinking lid policy is required. Venues that are licenced to operate class 4 gaming machines provide employment to numerous residents of the local community. Proceeds of grant funding often (if not always) end up in the tills of local community business. Payments are also made to Venue Operators that host gaming machines. This further supports the hospitality industry within Hutt City Council.

5. PROPOSED POLICY – A DISCUSSION

- The Lion Foundation supports the retention of the status quo (existing cap) on the number of Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) operating within the region.
- The current policy is working. Local gaming machine numbers have reduced by around 10%; by 50 machines since the current policy was put in place. Local problem gambling presentation rates have fallen during the period of the current policy.
- We submit that the current cap strikes a good balance between harm minimisation whilst still allowing a legal form of entertainment to be available to the community.
- Expenditure on Class 4 gambling is increasing, despite declining venues and EGMs. Population growth, amongst other factors, contribute to this increase. This increase does not equate to more harm being caused.

- Figures from the Ministry of Health's Intervention Client data[1] report that in Hutt City Council a total of 48 clients have sought help in the period July 2019– June 2020. Of this number – 17 presented as *new clients*. It is unclear why the Social Impact Assessment report has not referenced the most up to date statistics in this regard (refer page 22). We suggest it is possibly because the statistics would not support the anti- gambling [Class 4] bias.
- Furthermore, the current cap on EGMs is appropriate given the significant measures that are already in place to minimise the harm from gaming machines. By way of example (not an exhaustive list):
    - There is a statutory age limit that prohibits persons under 18 years of age playing a gaming machine;
    - There are very restrictive limits on the amount of money that can be staked and the amount of prize money that can be won;
    - Gaming machines in New Zealand do not accept banknotes above $20.00 in denomination;
    - ATMs are excluded from all gaming rooms;
    - All gaming venues have pamphlets that provide information about the characteristics of problem gambling and how to seek advice for problem gambling;
    - All gaming venues have signage that encourages players to gamble only at levels they can afford. The signage also details how to seek assistance for problem gambling;
    - All gaming venues have a harm minimisation policy;
    - All gaming venue staff are required to have undertaken comprehensive problem gambling awareness and intervention training;
    - It is not permissible for a player to play two gaming machines at once;
    - The design of a gaming machine is highly regulated and controlled. For example, a gaming machine is not permitted to generate a result that indicates a near win (for example, if five symbols are required for a win, the machine is not permitted to intentionally generate four symbols in a row).
- Despite rhetoric from the opponents of gambling, there is no evidence that a reduction in venues or machines results in a reduction in problem gambling[2].
- Gaming machine numbers and the number of gaming venues has declined steadily since 2003. Since the peak in Class 4 gaming machine numbers of 25,221 in 2003, the number of machines has declined steadily with the latest figures showing 14,828 machines as at 31 March 2020. Venues numbers have declined from over 2000 venues in 2003, to 1078 at March 2020.[3]
- The New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 4 (2018) noted that the problem gambling rate risk did not change significantly from 2012 to 2015 and had remained the same over the last 10-15 years despite gaming machine numbers decreasing[4].

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[1] https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data#total_assisted Refer table 10

[2] National Gambling Study, MOH, 2012-2015. *The National Gambling Study (NGS) was the first NZ longitudinal study into gambling, health, lifestyles, and attitudes about gambling. Evidence to date shows that there is no correlation between the number of machines and the prevalence of people seeking help for problem gambling.*
Funded by the Ministry of Health, the NGS started in 2012 with a randomly selected national sample and followed those respondents over 4 years. The Study showed that despite a reduction in the number of machines from 18,000 in 2012 to 16,000 in 2018, the problem gambling risk did not change significantly from 2012 to 2015. Given population growth, per capita expenditure actually decreased over this period.

[3] Department of Internal Affairs – Quarterly statistics

[4] The New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 4 (2015), final report March 2018

- Of great concern is the fact that problem gambling associated with offshore based online gambling is growing exponentially. Offshore online gambling providers do not have to operate in accordance with the Gambling Act, do not offer any harm minimisation features to protect players; do not contribute to New Zealand communities.
- Furthermore, offshore based online gambling poses considerable risk in that:
    - It is highly accessible, being available 24 hours a day from the comfort and privacy of your home;
    - Has no restrictions on bet sizes;
    - Has no capacity for venue staff to observe and assist people in trouble;
    - Reaches new groups of people who may be vulnerable to the medium;
    - Provides no guaranteed return to players;
    - Is more easily abused by minors;
    - Is unregulated, so online gamblers are often encouraged to gamble more by being offered inducements or by being offered the opportunity to gamble on credit. For example, many overseas sites offer sizable cash bonuses to a customer's account for each friend that they induce to also open an account and deposit funds.
- Neither a sinking lid policy (option1) nor a more restrictive capped policy (option3) is likely to reduce problem gambling. Both options will, over time, reduce the amount of funding available to community groups. Reducing gaming machine venues reduces casual and recreational play. This reduces machine turnover and the amount of funding generated for grant distribution.

<u>Relocation Policy</u>:

The Lion Foundation supports the retention of the existing relocation policy – approved and adopted by Council in 2015, after full public consultation process. No new evidence or data has been offered to justify a policy change.

Venue relocation is accepted to be an effective harm minimisation tool – it allows for venues to relocate from high deprivation areas to more suitable areas. In addition, a venue relocation policy

- Enables venues to re-establish after a natural disaster, flood, or fire.
- Enables venues to move out of earthquake-prone and dangerous buildings.
- Enables venues to move to new refurbished and fit-for-purpose premises.
- Creates fairness in cases of public works acquisition or lease termination.
- Prevents landlords demanding unreasonable rentals.

6. SOCIAL COSTS OF GAMBLING - PROBLEM GAMBLING IN CONTEXT

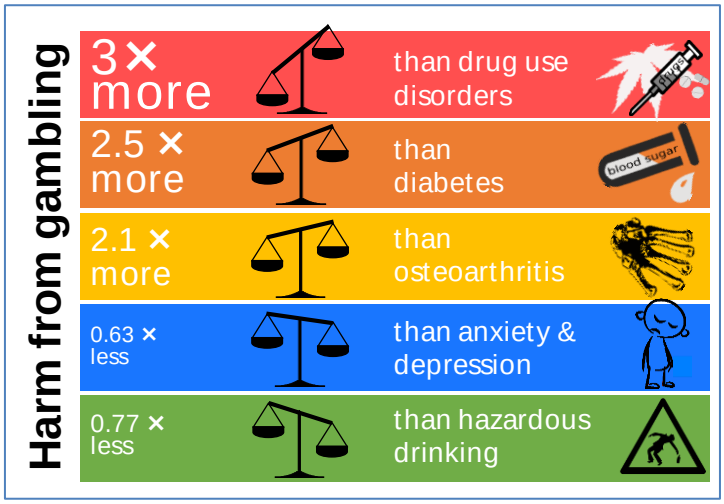
Gaming machines have been present in New Zealand communities since the early 1980s. Initially the machines were operated without a gaming licence. The first gaming licence was issued on 25 March 1988, 32 years ago.

As stated previously, we support any review that allows consideration to be given to the **total impact** that gambling has on and within our communities.

The social costs associated with problem gambling are of a much smaller magnitude than alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Problem gambling is 1 to 2 percent of the social cost of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.[5] The costs of problem gambling are not to be trivialised, but the policy formulated to address this issue should be based on the evidence of its prevalence and impact, and considered in light of the magnitude and response to other products where there is harmful use.

The prevalence of problem gambling is low and has dropped from a rate of 0.4% of the adult (over 18 years and over) population in 2006/7 to 0.2% in 2015[6].

In May 2017, the Ministry of Health commissioned a report titled "*Measuring the Burden of Gambling Harm" which* by Central Queensland University (CQU) and Auckland University of Technology (AUT). The representation below has previously been used to represent the key findings of the report by, inter alia, the Problem Gambling Foundation:



The Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand (GMANZ) commissioned a '*two-sided review of a one-sided analysis of gambling*' – a rigorous, balanced and comprehensive assessment of the Burden of Harm report. In August 2019, TDB Advisory[7] concluded that **these outlandish comparisons were made possible by a long line of deliberate selection biases and errors.** The errors revealed by the TDB Advisory review include either deliberately or by mistake using a biased population sample (participants were not randomly selected), attributing all harms to gambling and none to associated behaviours (such as smoking), and treating all harm as stemming 100% from gambling rather than allowing for the use of gambling as a coping mechanism or as a symptom of harms rather than the cause.

In June 2020, the **New Zealand Taxpayers Union** issued a press release:

> *Union spokesperson Louis Houlbrooke says: "This deeply flawed report by Central Queensland University (CQU) and Auckland University of Technology (AUT) has been the basis of gambling policy advice from the Ministry of Health for several years. An independent review by TBD Advisory has*

[5] BERL Report: Maximising the Benefits to Communities from New Zealand's Community Gaming Model
[6] Problem Gambling in New Zealand, findings from the NZ Health Survey, Ministry of Health, March 2018
7 http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/TDB_Advisory_Report.pdf

found that Ministers have been consistently misled in relation to the number of problem gamblers and the overall impact of gambling on Kiwis' well-being, based on this one report." [8]

We note that the HCC Social Impact Assessment report references the Burden of Harm report, without reference to contrary/contradictory research. We would request that the decision makers, in arriving at a balanced decision, read the TBD Advisory report.

Furthermore, the HCC Social Impact Assessment Report references a report commissioned from the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER)[9]. The NZIER report suggests that that there would be significant economic benefit to the retail sector in both income and job creation if spending on class 4 "pokies" was stopped. The NZIER report estimates that this additional retail spending would generate an additional 1,127 full-time equivalent jobs for 1,724 workers, along with an additional $58m of GST revenue and additional income tax of $7m from the retail spend.

The authors of the NZIER report, however, do not comment on the economic value **currently generated** by the class 4 gambling sector. In fact, this was specifically acknowledged to have been outside of their scope. We submit that the NZIER report is therefore a misrepresentation of the net value of such a move, given that it takes no account of the value that would be lost.

The authors of the NZIER report draw a conclusion that the increased retail spending would then result in the retail sector channelling their increased profits into things like sports sponsorship. It is, however, more likely that any increased profits from the retail spending would be retained by the business owners, many who are large corporates, based offshore. It should also be borne in mind that there is no obligation (legal or otherwise) on any retail business owners to part with their profits for sponsorships as is being suggested.

The NZIER report fails to consider the freedom of adult New Zealanders to spend money on a legalised form of entertainment. That spending provides them with legal entertainment, relaxation and social interaction. Those benefits would be lost if people were not able to spend their money on Class 4 gambling.

Once again, although contrary research is available, this has not been referenced in the HCC Social Impact Assessment Report. Only research supporting the anti-gambling bias is being referenced.

A TBD Advisory Report, Gambling in New Zealand: A National Wellbeing Analysis[10], a report commissioned by GMANZ, states clearly –

- The benefits of gambling are often overlooked. Overlooking the wellbeing benefits results in one sided analysis that is insufficient as a basis for sound public policy.
- Analysis of harm-related costs illustrates that these cannot be reliably quantified. Attempts to do so without adequately taking into account the effects of comorbidities and the complexities around the direction of causation of observed harms are arbitrary, subjective and unfit for decision-making.

We urge Councillors to avail themselves of all of the research, and to make an informed decision.

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[8] https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO2006/S00269/315000-spent-on-gambling-report-is-a-busted-flush.htm

[9] The retail employment and tax costs of Class 4 gambling in New Zealand - June 2020; NZ Institute of economic Research (Inc)

[10] https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gambling_in_New_Zealand.pdf

7. HARM MINIMISATION

The Lion Foundation is committed to preventing and minimising harm from gambling, including problem gambling, whilst facilitating a responsible and legal form of recreational gambling.

We are committed to creating safe gambling environments in all our venues, and minimising the harm caused by problem gambling.

Positive feedback received from recent venue inspections (October 2021) conducted by the Department of Internal Affairs confirms that TLF and its Venue Operators are focused on creating safe gambling environments:

> *"Venue staff displayed exceptional culture of care practices during the assessment which included: their approach to creating a whānau environment, intervention processes and the overall integrity of the gambling operation at the venue. It was a pleasure to kōrero with you both. Miharo!"*

> *"XX and YY displayed exceptional culture of care practices during the assessment which included: their approach to creating a caring environment and caring staff, intervention processes and the overall integrity of the gambling operation at the venue. Ka rawe!"*

The HCC Social Impact Assessment report, correctly [in our opinion], identifies the need for *earlier prevention -focused interventions…. The gambling industry has a part to play*[11]. Each year the Class 4 Gambling industry contributes significant amounts to a problem gambling fund in addition to in house harm minimisation and prevention initiatives.

With a budget of approximately $60mil over a three year period, this funding allows the Ministry of Health to support and treat gambling addiction and to increase public awareness. In 2021, TLF was approached by Malatest International to contribute to a Gambling Harm Needs Assessment commissioned by the Ministry of Health. The report was issued in April 2021, and is a *damning stocktake* of the progress made by the past 10 years, despite a cumulative budget of over $180m.

The Gambling Harm Needs Assessment 2021[12] report has identified:

- The prevalence of harmful gambling remains relatively unchanged (page 7). The most recent gambling participation and prevalence data captured in the HLS survey showed that between 2016 and 2018, the prevalence of harmful gambling among adults (aged 15 years and over) in New Zealand remained relatively unchanged (Te Hiringa Hauora, 2018) (page 32).
- The treatment providers have failed to encourage persons at risk to use their services.
- The total number of clients for all interventions was 9,502 (including 2,875 existing clients and 6,627 new clients) – a decrease of 10.4% (-1,100 clients) compared with the previous year (page 42).

[11] At page 21
[12] https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/gambling-harm-needs-assessment-2021.pdf

- The total number of clients, excluding brief interventions, was 4,439 (including 2,487 existing clients and 1,952 new clients) – a decrease of 8.6% (-417 clients) compared with the previous year (page 42).
- Users of the Gambling Helpline decreased by 30%, falling from 4,806 users in 2017 to 3,328 in 2019 (page 45).
- There was a common perception among interviewed participants from all gambling stakeholder groups, and many workforce survey respondents, that limited progress had been made across most objectives set out in the Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm 2019/20-2021/22 (page 8).
- In relation to objectives 1 and 2 (MoH Strategy 2019-2022), reducing gambling-related harm inequities for Māori, Pacific and Asian peoples, and ensuring Māori have healthier futures through the prevention and minimisation of gambling harm; most interviewed participants and around half of the workforce survey respondents considered that little to no progress had been made against both objectives (page 55).
- Access to online gambling for money has increased. Gambling Harm services, lived experience and gambling industry representatives (of which we are one) indicated (at page 26) :-
  "How easy it is to start to gamble. Just out of boredom. Instead of going to the pub, you can just stay home, download the apps and enter your card details. So it's definitely changed within the past three years. It used to be going down to the pub. Now it's so effortless you just pop out your phone. (lived experience representative).

Responding to the Draft Strategy to Prevent and Minimise Gambling Harm 2022-23 to 2024-25, the Gaming Machine Association of New Zealand has implored the Ministry to do things differently[13] . One glaring omission from the strategy is any investment at the top of the cliff – instead of repeating failed investment at the bottom of the cliff. TLF endorses the GMANZ submission.

At TLF we certainly do play a considerable part in the prevention and minimisation of harm at the venues – *a fence at the top of the cliff* approach. We ensure our Venue Operators and their gaming staff are fully trained in all relevant areas of harm minimisation. We have recently released an online training system which has been developed by industry professionals. Input has been sought and received from all walks of life, including employees of the Salvation Army Oasis National Office. Irrespective of training already undertaken, all venue staff are required to complete this training within a set timeframe – ensuring that standardised training is delivered to all. The training records are recorded in our CRM system and records of training are available for audit purposes.

In addition to our online programme, all staff involved in gaming at The Lion Foundation venues undertake frequent face to face training courses (including refresher courses) run by experienced TLF personnel. All TLF personnel have a wealth of experience in the gaming and hospitality sectors. All training focuses on problem gambling – how to observe and identify problem gamblers, how to support problem gamblers and how to ensure that harm is minimised. Gaming rooms may not be operated unless a person fully trained in harm minimisation is on duty. In addition to the ongoing training, our industry trained staff are constantly in contact with the venue staff and operators and

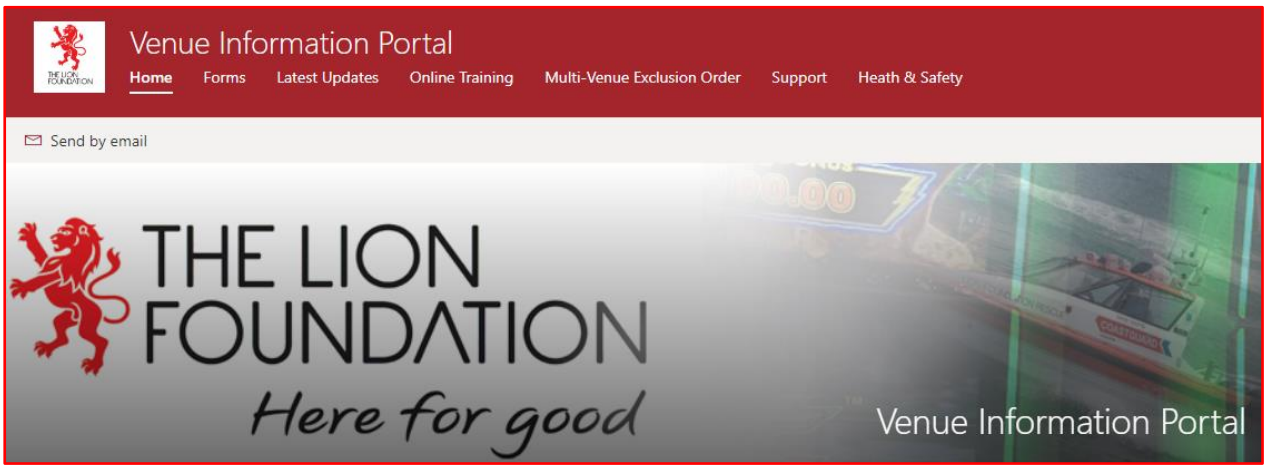
[13] https://www.gmanz.org.nz/resource/submission-strategy-to-prevent-minimise-gambling-harm-and-the-problem-gambling-levy-2022-2025/

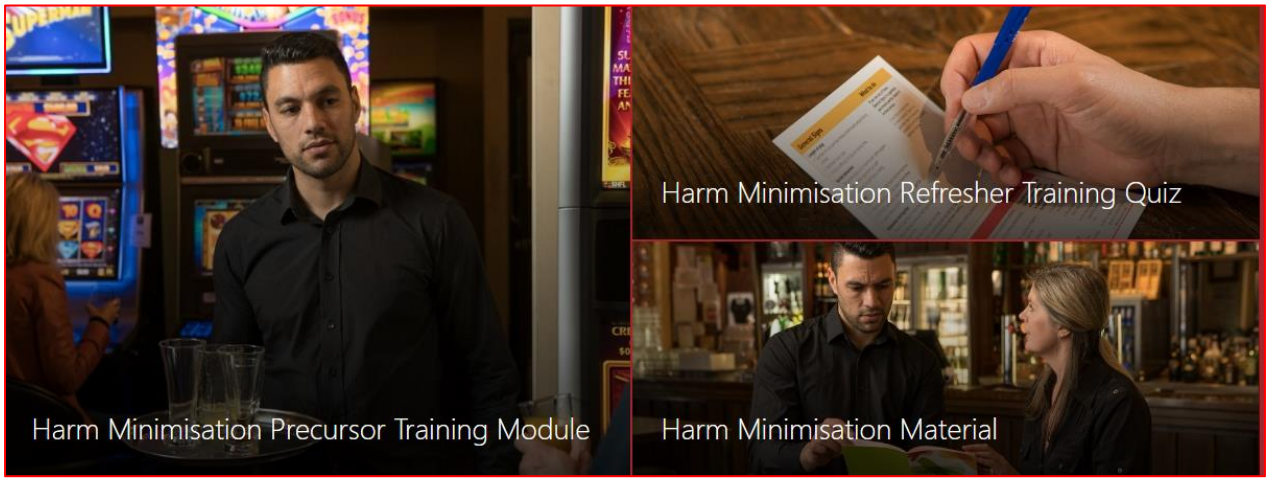
are available to assist with a variety of matters at a moment's notice – either in person or telephonically.

All venue staff are constantly reminded of their obligations in terms of the Harm Minimisation Policy. The Department of Internal Affairs has approved the TLF Harm Minimisation Policy.

Facial recognition technology is in use at many of our venues. The Lion Foundation offers a range of harm minimisation material to the gambler in the venue– including, but not limited to, wallet cards with information for potential problem gamblers, signage in and around gaming rooms from the Health Promotion Agency, etc. Venue staff interaction and supervision and observation of patrons is also key to the minimisation of harm.

By accessing a customised *Venue Information Portal* (screenshot extracts below), venue personnel have immediate access to a suite of harm minimisation products. These include educational videos, the suite of Health Promotion Agency material, training aids, industry updates, Health and Safety material. A Gambling Harm Service referral form is immediately accessible and assists problem gamblers receive the help that they require from the Salvation Army and other service providers.

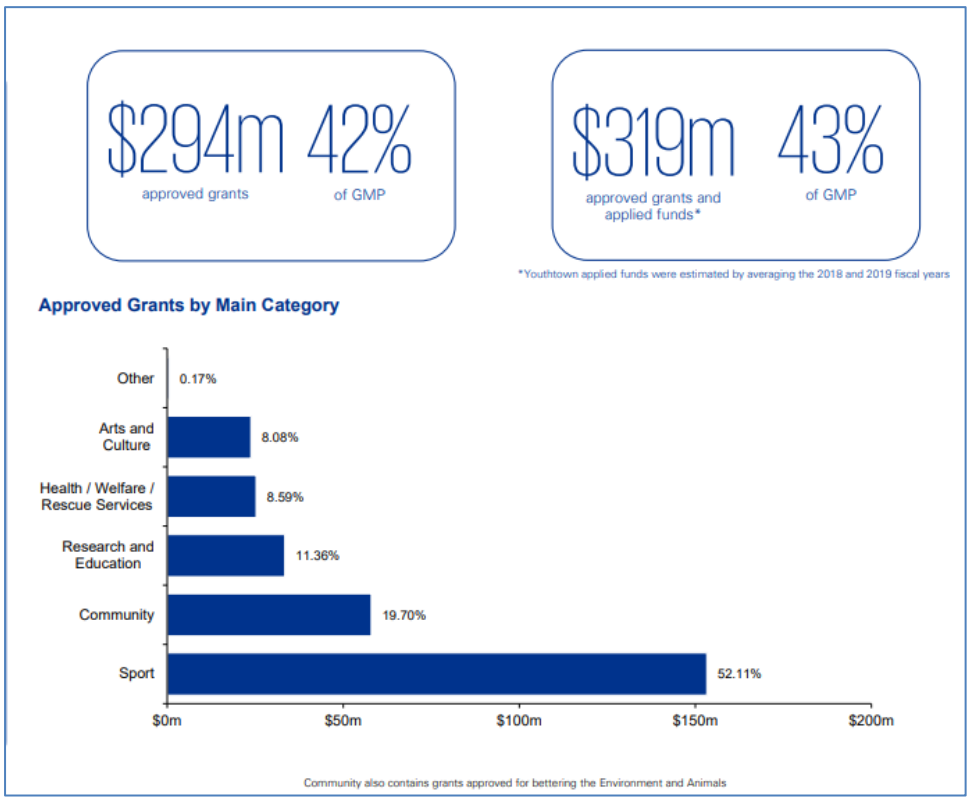




We support the introduction of new harm minimisation measures, provided they are based on good evidence that they will have a positive impact on the reduction in harm caused by gambling.

8. COMMUNITY FUNDING

Approximately $300 million is returned to New Zealand communities annually from the Class 4 funding model. Whilst Lotto NZ proudly supports over 3000 good causes every year[14], the Class 4 gambling sector supports approximately 9000 community organisations every year[15]-



There is a significant reliance on gaming trusts for community funding. In the **absence** of any **sustainable alternative**, this has become even more apparent as NZ grapples with the Covid-19 pandemic: -

> Stuff.co.nz (3 April 2020) Sport Minister Grant Robertson: "*One important community funding source that has dried up under COVID-19 is gaming machines and local trusts, which support grassroots programmes across most sports. I've been talking to the Minister of Internal Affairs about the way in which the gaming trusts, because clearly, there has been a significant decline in revenue through gambling. It will take some time to piece together what that package would look like, but we certainly understand the impact it's having, particularly on community sport, to not have that gaming-trust funding.*"

[14] https://mylotto.co.nz/
[15] https://www.gmanz.org.nz/resource/class-4-data-analytic-review-2019/

Stuff.co.nz (9 April 2020) Andrew Pragnall (CE – NZ Football): *Gaming machines could make up 20 to 30 percent of a club or Federation's revenue according to Pragnell and he was worried where that would leave some of them after the pandemic.*

Stuff.co.nz (16 April 2020): *A halt on gambling during Covid-19 lockdown will see community groups miss out on millions of dollars' worth of funding.*

The full effects of Covid-19 have yet to become evident – more especially after the resurgence of the virus in our communities in 2021. It is still very much unknown whether or not hospitality venues will be able to keep their doors open post the cessation of various Government subsidies. Class 4 Gaming provides employment opportunities for members of the community - including local hospitality businesses, trusts and societies, equipment providers and technicians – a significant number of jobs in our cities, towns and communities.

9. CONCLUSION

It is our submission that the Council's policy needs to optimise the balance between reasonable controls over the incidence of problem gambling against the generation of funds for the community from legitimate gambling.

Finally, we are not here to grow gambling; we believe though that pragmatic use of funds generated by this legalised form of entertainment make a hugely positive contribution to community life across New Zealand.

For further comment or information please contact Tony Goldfinch at The Lion Foundation Tony.Goldfinch@lionfoundation.org.nz; or Samantha Alexander : Sam.Alexander@lionfoundation.org.nz

From: Samantha Clarke <>
Sent: Friday, 5 November 2021 8:51 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public consultation: Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Hi there, just submitting feedback for the below please;

Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy

There shouldn't be any of these in Lower Hutt. But in the absence of removing them entirely, there are much too many venues. It's discraceful how many venues are in such close proximity within Lower Hutt with these machines. Focused even more heavily in lower socioeconomic areas.

NO amount of community funding from these machines could EVER EVER EVER make up for even a quarter of the harm pokies cause. We should be ashamed of ourselves that we still allow them in our community, ruining the lives of those who can least afford it. We know this, and we do nothing. Protect the vulnerable.

On behalf of the community- Get rid of them.
Do not allow more and start by removing my some of the existing venues. Please.

Kindly confirm this feedback has been received and will be included in the review.

Many thanks.

Kind regards, Samantha

Lower Hutt resident

From: Sara Passmore <>
Sent: Sunday, 7 November 2021 10:14 AM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gambling Policy

Kia ora koutou,

I want to support the reduction of gambling machines in our community. I think the sinking lid approach would get us down to zero machines in our community and if the only ethical approach we can take. I ask why you've chosen the 6 month timeframe. Why not three? Why not zero?

The gambling machines are destructive and cause significant harm. The ease of being able to access them means no one is safe from being impacted by gambling harm.

I have two family members who have been addicted to gambling machines. While they both were able to afford it, it still caused significant harm in my family - the secrecy, the long absences from home, the stress and depression they felt when not using the machines, and the difficulty to stop gambling.

We don't need these machines, or the "income" they drain from our communities to be given back to us in the form of grants.

Let the money that would have been wasted on these machines be spent in our local shops and businesses. The co-dependency model of lotteries grants to organisations is deeply flawed.

I support any initiatives that removes these machines from our community. Not just to reach a national average, but to reduce the machines to zero. If bars and pubs need gambling to stay afloat then let they need to change their business model.

Many thanks,

Sara Passmore

Sent from my iPhone

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

Hutt City Council
By email: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz

We support option 2, the status quo policy.

The current policy allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. A more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time. The current policy is appropriate because:

- The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations (over $5.2m each year).
- The gaming machine funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.
- A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.
- Without gaming machine funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.
- As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.
- It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain Covid-19 times, commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.

We do/do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

Signed: _____

Organisation Name: Wellington Zoo Trust (WZT)

Name: Sian Robertson, Partnerships Manager, on behalf of WZT

Phone or email: _____

From: Sonali Bj <>
Sent: Friday, 5 November 2021 1:01 PM
To: haveyoursay
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hello Hutt City Council

Hello Hutt City Council

I think if you can't stop pokies machines from being installed in gambling places then I think places with pokies machines should close at 10pm every night so people can go home to sleep after playing pokies!

I see that playing pokies are not good for your health due to flashing lights that can make you feel dizzy!
Do you think places with pokies machines should close at 10pm every night no matter how many people are playing pokies?

I think all places with pokies machines should close at 10pm every night so people don't get too tired from playing pokies every night & also that would help stop people from getting addicted to pokies!

From Sonali

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and Community
Services

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Hutt City Council Gambling Venue Policy Review – Submission

Introduction

Air Rescue Services Limited (Air Rescue) operates two 18 gaming machines venues in Hutt City: Bedrocks Bar & Brasserie, 3 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt and Naenae Hotel, 5 Vogel Steet, Naenae.

Air Rescue asks that council:

- Retains the current cap of 545 gaming machines (no change to the current limits – option 2).
- Retains the existing relocation provision, which enables venues in suburban and residential areas to relocate to the Petone Commercial zone or the Central Commercial area.

Grant Funding

Gaming venues enable extremely valuable funding to be provided to a large range of local community groups. Gaming societies are the only gambling operators that focus on supporting grassroots community organisations. The funding turnaround is quick, with grant decisions being made monthly. The application process is simple; a short form is completed.

In 2019, grants totalling over $28 million were made to the Wellington region from gaming machine societies.[1] Grants totalling over $5.2m were made to recipients based within Hutt City. In addition to the $5.2m in local grants:

- National and regional grants provided a local benefit (estimated to be $1.6m).
- Over $1.7m in gaming proceeds were used by clubs (Workingmen's Clubs, RSAs and bowling clubs) to upgrade and maintain their recreational and sporting facilities and to provide services to their members.

In the 2019 calendar year, Air Rescue made grants to 55 community and sporting organisations based in Hutt City. The grants totalled $647,842.00.

No other gambling provider provides this level of support for grassroots organisations. The Lottery Grants Board makes a small number of large grants to large organisations. TAB New Zealand predominately uses the funds from race and sports betting to

[1] https://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gaming_Machine_Grant_Data_2019.pdf

support the racing industry. The profits from the six commercial casinos are paid out to their commercial shareholders (save for a token amount in community grants). No grant money is paid by offshore-based online gambling providers.

There is no alternative funding available. Council is not in a position to provide millions of dollars in additional community grants. It is also unrealistic to think that grassroots organisations could obtain multi-million-dollar central Government or commercial sponsorship each year.

In 2012, Auckland Council commissioned a community funding survey. The survey data is summarised in the report Community Funding: A Focus on Gaming Grants.[2] The report confirms how essential gaming machine funding is to a very large number of grassroots organisations and how extremely difficult it would be for such funding to be obtained from alternative sources. The key findings of the survey are:

- Most respondents (75%) indicated that their organisation is moderately or totally reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.

- Most respondents (55%) believed that there would be a high to extreme risk to their organisation and their core business if they did not receive gaming funding. A further one-quarter (26%) said that there would be a moderate risk if they did not receive it.

- Two-thirds of respondents (68%) said that they thought they would be unlikely to find another source of funding if gaming funding was not available.

The report concluded:

> Gaming Trust funding is a major source of community funding for organisations in the Auckland Region. Most respondents believe that the funding for their organisations is not particularly secure and are highly dependent on gaming funding, not just for discretionary or extra activities, but to fund their core business. There is a dependence on this funding with over half the respondents believing that their organisations would be at extreme risk if they did not receive it. Most felt that if the funding was not available, they would struggle to find an alternative source of funding. Some would cut down the activities they undertook, others say they would be forced to close down.

Entertainment

Gambling is a popular form of entertainment that most New Zealanders participate in. The 2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey[3] found that 67.2% of adult New Zealanders had participated in some form of gambling in the previous 12 months (estimated to be 2,650,000.00 adults).

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2 www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Research/Auckland_City_Community_Funding_Report.pdf

3 https://kupe.hpa.org.nz/#!/gambling/gambling-participation/any-gambling-activities

2018 Health and Lifestyles Survey

It is only a small percentage of the adult population (0.2%) that suffers harm because of excessive gambling.

Employment

Gaming machines create employment. Hospitality staff are employed to monitor and supervise the gaming machine players. Service technicians are employed to service and repair the machines. The gaming societies that own the machines employ staff to review and process the grant applications.

A survey undertaken in 2009 estimated that there were 300 full-time equivalents directly employed by gaming societies and 215 employees of external service providers and contractors also working for these societies.[4]

Positive Economic Impact From the Gaming Industry

In 2012, Auckland City Council commissioned an economic impact report on the impact of the non-casino gaming machine industry. The Economic Impact Report[5] confirmed that the industry makes a positive economic contribution. The report concluded:

> Overall, the non-casino gaming machine industry has a positive economic impact on the Auckland economy.

Retaining the Current Cap

Retaining the current cap will allow for a small amount of future growth. This is reasonable and appropriate.

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4 KPMG and Ministry of Health (2013): Gambling Resource for Local Government. Wellington: Ministry of Health, http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Research/gambling_resource_for_local_government_081113.pdf

5 www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Research/Auckland_City_Economic_Impacts_Report.pdf

Allowing a small number of additional venues to be established will help Air Rescue to expand its offering in Hutt City and meet the demand for grant funding from local community groups.

Machine Numbers and Gambling Harm

There may be a temptation to adopt a more restrictive gaming machine cap in an attempt to reduce gambling-related harm. Over the last ten years gaming machine numbers have reduced by 25%, but the problem gambling rate has plateaued. Limiting machine numbers has been tried as a tool to address gambling-related harm; it has not worked.

Reducing machine numbers merely reduces community funding, and accelerates the migration of gambling to online providers.

Increase in Internet and Mobile Phone Gambling

The introduction of a more restrictive cap or sinking lid is unlikely to reduce problem gambling, but will result in the existing gambling moving from physical venues to the internet. It is now possible to play all the gaming machine games that are located at the existing venues via phones or tablets.

SKYCITY
online casino

Online gambling is undesirable as:

- No funds are generated for local community grants.
- No tax revenue is generated for the New Zealand Government.
- No funding is provided to the problem gambling treatment services, i.e., no problem gambling levy is paid.
- No local employment is created.
- All bets are made on credit.
- It is highly accessible (you can play from the privacy of your own bedroom, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year).
- It has a high speed of play.

- There are no bet size restrictions.
- There are no venue staff to provide supervision, advice, and support.
- It is easily abused by minors.
- There is no guaranteed return to players.
- Excessive gambling is encouraged by the frequent use of inducements to gamble, such as player rebates and bonuses.

A spike in online gambling was experienced when our physical venues were closed due to the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown. The Salvation Army has publicly spoken out about the rise in online gambling during the nationwide lockdown.

In the Radio New Zealand article dated 4 April 2020[6], the Salvation Army commented as follows:

> **Covid-19: Salvation Army worries about rise in online gambling sites**
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> The Salvation Army's gambling addiction support service is worried about the increased number of online gambling sites.
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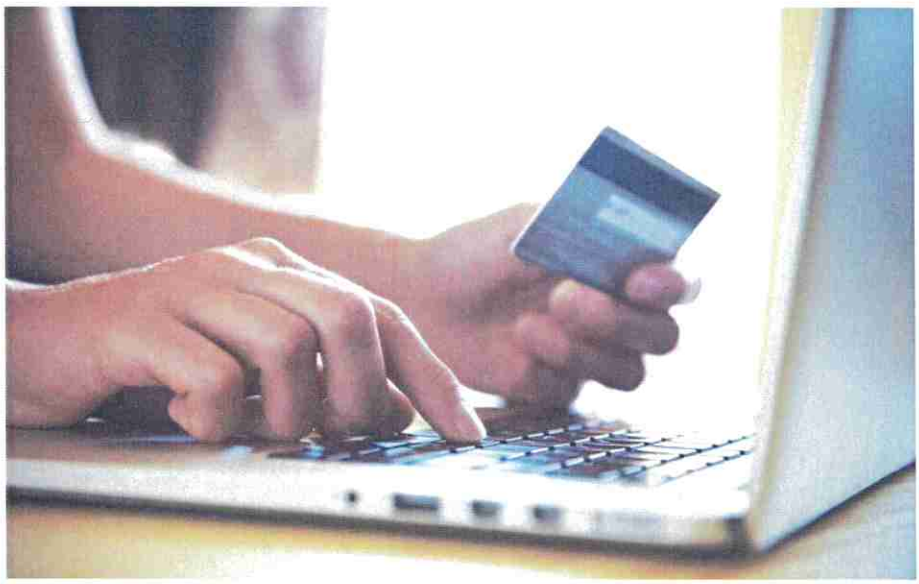
> 
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> The head of the organisation's gambling services division, Oasis, said it had been noticeable since the nationwide lockdown came into force.
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> **Lisa Campbell said the rise in the number of unregulated overseas online gambling websites had coincided with the closure of pokie venues and casinos, and online availability of New Zealand Lotto and TAB services.**
>
> Online gambling companies were now advertising on social media, possibly because they saw people in isolation as a captive audience, Campbell said.
>
> The ads for overseas gambling websites were cropping up frequently when she

6 https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/413430/covid-19-salvation-army-worries-about-rise-in-online-gambling-sites

was on Facebook in a private capacity, she said.

She was concerned that the tailored nature of how social media advertising worked, meant that others, including at-risk gamblers, were getting the same ads.

"I'm concerned they're using this opportunity to bring people into online gambling now, which is pretty awful to see that happening.

"I am sure they see social isolation as a great opportunity to expand business without any thought for the additional harm this could cause, further exacerbating the financial and mental harm on people already."

Oasis was now compiling information on online blocking tools that people can use to block internet gambling sites, Campbell said.

"We have heard from some clients who say they are really concerned about how they will cope, both financially and practically, at home with family or alone during the lockdown period, and are feeling very anxious, and some have asked for more support than normal."

Campbell said similar advertising was apparent before the lockdown but she was now seeing it more frequently.

Lotto and TAB were the only legal online providers of gambling, she said.

"They have said they're stopping advertising around the scratchies and other products during this time, so they're only advertising Lotto.
"The bigger concern is the overseas gambling websites where there's no regulation, which are potentially the biggest problem for us."

Retaining the Relocation Policy

The current relocation policy allows gaming venues to relocate from outside the CBD (residential areas) to into the CBD. This is sensible.

Existing suburban venues should be able to move to the CBD when the venue operator wishes to invest in their business and move to a new premise and undertake a new modern fit-out. Having new, vibrant hospitality businesses is good for the city as it provides attractive and inviting premises for social interaction, encourages tourism, and creates employment.

Unfortunately, when a venue cannot move its 18 gaming machines, there have been examples of landlords seeking to charge above-market rents and impose unreasonable lease terms, as they know the tenant does not have the option of relocating and retaining their 18-machine offering. The relocation policy protects against this by allowing suburban venues to relocate when the landlord is demanding above market rental or unreasonable terms.

Not allowing relocation to the CBD entrenches the existing venues in undesirable locations.

Oral Hearing

I do not wish to speak at the oral hearing. I ask that council has regard to my written submission.

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29th October 2021

RE: HUTT CITY COUNCIL GAMBLING VENUES AND BOARD VENUES POLICY – STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL – CAPITAL FOOTBALL SUBMISSION

To whom it may concern,

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal*. This submission is made by the Capital Football Federation (and co-signing clubs) and outlines our views and that of the football community on the proposed changes to the Hutt City Council (HCC) Gambling Venues and Board Venues Policy.

Our position is to propose *Option Two: Status Quo – Retain the current policy without amendment.*

Class 4 Gaming is already well regulated to provide a financial return to community sport for the benefit of players. Attempts to reduce or remove this opportunity will have undesirable consequences over time.

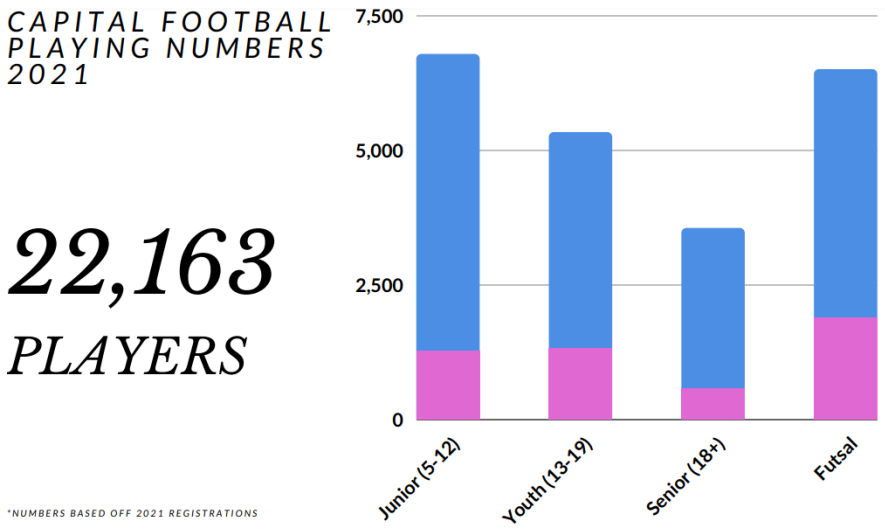
The HCC proposal of a sinking lid policy or per capita approach suggests that it will address the harm done by Class 4 Gaming. The proposal does not give sufficient thought to the damage that may be created as a consequence of the withdrawal on community sport that is currently funded through Class 4 Gaming returns. **It is Capital Footballs understanding that sinking lids and per capita approaches are founded on error. Less machines resulting in less harm is flawed by facts provided by the Ministry of Health over the past 15 years.** Further, we are currently operating in an unprecedented era due to COVID-19 and are yet to see the full impacts of this which brings into question the timing of the HCC proposal. In participation terms the proposed polices will directly affect 22,163 football players in the winder Wellington region.

THE VALUE OF CAPITAL FOOTBALL AND SPORT

Capital Football's mission is to provide, develop and safeguard the future of football in the wider Wellington region. With 42 clubs and 22,163 players we are the largest regional sporting organisation in the wider Wellington region in terms of player base.

The graph below breaks down playing numbers by age group and gender. In 2021 Capital Football had 6,782 junior, 5,331 youth, 3,550 senior, and 6,500 futsal players. 3,059 of these players are from the HCC region (excluding futsal) and are represented across seven of our 42 clubs:

Lower Hutt City AFC *Eastbourne FC* *Naenae Soccer Club*
Petone FC *Stokes Valley FC* *Stop Out Sports Club*
Wainuiomata AFC



Capital Football and Clubs access funding for projects or programmes to support core costs incurred within football and in many cases to keep the doors open. The common categories across which funding can be classified are salaries, ground charges, sports equipment, maintenance, events, tournaments, coaching, etc.

A recent Sport NZ study[1] exploring the value of sport to New Zealanders, their communities and our country found that participation in sport leads to:

Happier, healthier people (both physically and mentally):

- *being physically active is a key determinant of wellbeing*
- *sport and physical activity can reduce rates of a range of mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety*
- *Sport and physical activity can reduce rates of many physical health related disorders and improve health outcomes as a result*

Better connected communities as a result of strengthened social and community networks:

- *A sense of belonging is important to New Zealanders' feelings of wellbeing*
- *Evidence suggests that participation in sport and physical activity can help to develop feelings of belonging and inclusion particularly for new migrant populations*
- *Sport and recreation programming can reduce the incidence of antisocial behaviour.*

A stronger New Zealand – financially and through strengthened regional and national identity:

- *The sport and recreation sector's contribution to GDP is significant and growing*
- *The number of people employed in the sector is large and growing*
- *hosting major sporting events improves host city feelings of pride.*

[1] Sport NZ (2017). Value of Sport and Active Recreation to New Zealanders. Accessed from: https://sportnz.org.nz/media/1313/angus-associates-value-of-sport-final.pdf

Capital Football and our Clubs play a support role in providing opportunities for players, coaches, referees, volunteers, supporters, and administrators to be involved in community sport. Class 4 Gaming plays a pivotal role in providing funding for these opportunities.

HUTT CITY COUNCIL – FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE IMPACT

Within the HCC *Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal* there is no reference to the potential financial consequences to participants, clubs, and the HCC should a sinking lid policy or per capita approach be applied.

There are seven football clubs within the HCC region who annually apply and access Class 4 Gaming to cover the costs of ground charges set by the Council or privately run facilities. There are three obvious issues here:

1. The HCC fails to address that any decrease in accessible funding to cover the costs of ground charges would simply be passed back to participants (i.e. through club subscriptions).
2. The HCC will potentially be removing access to Class 4 Gaming funds that go directly back to them for the payment of use of their grounds.
3. In the current environment of COVID-19 people do not need any added financial pressure, and with the full effects of COVID-19 yet to be displayed it is irresponsible of the HCC to suggest otherwise.

Below is a breakdown (based on 2021 data) of ground charges to Capital Football for the use grounds in the HCC region to run football competitions. This cost is built into affiliation fees and subsequently passed on to clubs as part of the cost to play in Capital Football competitions. Further detailed is a breakdown (based on 2021 data) of ground charges in the HCC region where Clubs personally book their own training times. Clubs apply for and access Class 4 Gaming to support the costs of such fees.

CAPITAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION GROUND CHARGES – HCC REGION		**2021**
Artificial turf	$	45,593
Grass pitches	$	30,247
Total	**$**	**75,840**

CLUBS TRAINING GROUND CHARGES – HCC REGION		**2021**
Artificial turf	$	82,900
Grass pitches	$	5,000
Total	**$**	**87,900**

TOTAL COST	**$ 163,740 (per year)**
70% FUNDED BY CLASS 4 GAMING	**$ 114,618 (per year)**

Capital Football estimate that **$114,618** (70%) of the total ground charges in the HCC region are successfully applied for and accessed through Class 4 Gaming. If the HCC proposal of a sinking lid policy or per capita approach were to come into effect, the above $114,000 would ultimately fall back on players, and families. Over time the percentage of this will only increase.

Further to this point, Capital Football is currently working with Nuku Ora and eight regional sports organisations to understand the costs paid towards ground charges and venue hire to local Councils. Based on the information supplied, **$204,988** is paid to the HCC for the use of their facilities annually by the eight regional sport organisations. Again, a large portion of this is access via Class 4 Gaming.

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The HCC *Gambling Venues Policy – Statement of Proposal* fails to address this which will not only have a significant impact on football and other sporting codes but potentially on the HCC.

TIMING AND LACK OF VIABLE ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES

The community funding model currently used to distribute Class 4 Gaming is working well. As stated above helps support Capital Football's 22,163 players and 42 clubs to have the opportunity to play and be involved in football on an annual basis. Due to the current environment sport faces there is a real feeling of uncertainty directly related to COVID-19 and the availability of alternative funding sources.

COVID-19 has had a devastating effect on many sectors including sport because of lockdowns impacting the flow of secure income from gambling machines. This has put at risk many regional sport organisations who deliver sporting value to their communities. We are yet to see the full impacts of COVID-19, and it suggested that it will not be until 2022/2023 where we will see the true effects on sport. Some examples to date of this impact are:

- Capital Football reduced staff hours to 80% of FTE (for an eight-week period) in 2020 due to the financial risk of losing $40,000 every week the season was not played;
- Auckland Football Federation cancelling their seasons in 2020 and 2021 after completing 60%-80% of competitions;
- New Zealand Rugby Union laying off 25% of their staff;
- Large government pay-outs to New Zealand Netball, The Warriors, Super Rugby Clubs, and the Phoenix.

Now is not the time to put further pressure on community sport.

Fewer machines mean fewer grants:

- In the last 12 months funding generated across the wider region from Class 4 Gaming was $61 million of which $5.2 million was returned to community sport in HCC region.
- There are no other sources of funding currently that would provide a substitute for the amount of Class 4 funding being accessed by the community.

Many sport organisations have traditionally been reliant on Class 4 Gaming, and while this makes these organisations vulnerable this is their reality where they are using a funding source that is regularly available and accessible in the absence of other viable options. There are organisations in our region which would become insolvent almost immediately without this funding as seen by many of the options taken by those regional sports bodies to avoid such during and following lockdowns in 2020 and 2021.

Further, in 2012, the Auckland City Council commissioned a community funding survey[2]. The study confirmed how essential gaming machine funding is to a very large number of community sport organisations and how extremely difficult it would be for such funding to be obtained from alternative sources. The key findings of the survey were:

- Most respondents (75%) indicated that their organisation is moderately or totally reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.

[2] Auckland City Council (2012). Community Funding: A Focus on Gaming Grants. Accessed from: https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/plans-projects-policies-reports-bylaws/our-policies/docsresearchongambling/community-funding-focus-gaming-grants.pdf

- Most respondents (55%) believed that there would be a high to extreme risk to their organisation and their core business if they did not receive gaming funding. A further one-quarter (26%) said that there would be a moderate risk if they did not receive it.
- Two-thirds of respondents (68%) said that they thought that they would be unlikely to find another source of funding if gaming funding was not available.

The study concluded: Gaming Trust funding is a major source of community sport funding for organisations in the Auckland Region.

Organisations are working hard to diversify their income. However, such income is extremely difficult to access, fundraising activity does not generate a high return, and there is unlikely to be any Government funding set aside to cover the activities that are currently funded by Class 4. As we move as a country into a recession, this will make accessing funding from alternative sources even more difficult.

NO EVIDENCE TO JUSTIFY CHANGE

It is Capital Football's opinion that there is no evidence to justify a change from the status quo. From what we understand, there has been no significant rise in the number of machines and/or venues. We understand that since 2004, venue numbers have reduced, and that gaming machine numbers have also reduced by 25% over the past 10 years. The level of gambling and the problem gambling rate has remained at the same level over that time.

New Zealand has one of the lowest problem gambling rates in the world. According to the Gaming Machine Statistics and Research Paper 2020[3] the problem gambling rate is 0.2% of people aged 18 years and over in New Zealand. The problem gambling rate is for all forms of gambling, not gaming machine gambling alone.

We acknowledge there is a social cost to gambling when this becomes a problem for an individual impacting family and friends. However, for the sake of balance, the vast social value created by the funding generated from gambling must also be properly acknowledged. Children, in particular, are the beneficiaries of the application of these funds.

OUR POSITION – OPTION TWO

As clearly outlined our position is to propose *Option Two: Status Quo – Retain the current policy without amendment.*

Taking gaming machines out of communities will not reduce problem gambling. As we saw through the COVID-19 lockdowns, people who want to gamble will find other ways to do so. While the extent of online gambling by New Zealanders has yet to be fully researched, it is obvious from overseas research and anecdotal evidence that online gambling is growing very quickly. Online gambling options are more harmful as a consequence of being unsupervised, less regulated, incentivised to encourage more gambling, and using virtual money rather than cash. **And, there is no return to the community**.

[3] J True & M Cheer (2020). Gaming Machine Gambling Statistics and Research Paper – Information for Territorial Authorities. Accessed from: http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/TAInfo.pdf

SUMMARY

The problems of the few should not outweigh the benefit to the many. Our position has clearly been outlined in this submission; to summarise below:

1. **The value of Capital Football and Sport** – 42 clubs and 22,163 players benefit from Class 4 Gaming funding in the wider Wellington region. If this is slowly taken away this loss in funding will directly affect participation and put unneeded pressure on organisations and individuals.
2. **HCC failure to acknowledge impact** – there is no reference to the potential financial consequences to participants, clubs, and the HCC should a sinking lid policy or per capita approach be applied.
3. **The timing of the proposed changes and lack of viable alternative funding sources** – due to the current environment sport faces there is a real feeling of uncertainty directly related to COVID-19 and alternative funding sources. The removal of Class 4 Gaming will only amplify this.
4. **No evidence to justify change –** New Zealand has one of the lowest problem gambling rates in the world of 0.2%. History has illustrated that the removal of machines (25% in 10 years) has no correlation to the decrease in gambling rates.

CONCLUSION

We thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy – Statement of Proposal*. For the reasons outlined in this submission we support *Option Two: Status Quo – Retain the current policy without amendment.*

The contact person for this submission at Capital Football is Todd Bryant *(todd@capitalfootball.org.nz; 021746104)*.

We wish to appear before Council to speak to our submission.

Please note that this submission is on our website (http://www.capitalfootball.org.nz) and has been shared with our members.

Kind regards,

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Capital Football (for and on behalf of the below clubs)

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2. *Eastbourne FC*
3. *Naenae Soccer Club*
4. *Petone FC*
5. *Stokes Valley FC*
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23 October, 2021

Class 4 Gaming Venue Policy Review

We support option 2, the status quo policy.

The current policy allows gaming machine activity and gaming machine funding to continue at current levels. A more restrictive policy would phase out gaming machine funding over time. The current policy is appropriate because:

- The local gaming machines generate significant funding for local community and sporting organisations (over $5.2m each year).

- The gaming machine funding enables local community and sporting organisations to provide a wider range of services and facilities.

- A very large number of community and sporting organisations are reliant on gaming machine funding to fund core business activities.

- Without gaming machine funding, community and sporting organisations would have to reduce the number of events and activities they offer.

- As gaming machine funding reduces, the cost to participate in community and sporting activities would have to increase. This would reduce participation rates.

- It is unrealistic to think that the gaming machine funding can be replaced by other funding such as commercial sponsorship. Commercial sponsorship is extremely hard to obtain at the best of times, and when it is obtained, the amount is modest compared to the gaming funding available. In the current uncertain Covid-19 times, commercial sponsorship is almost impossible to obtain.

We do not wish to speak at the oral hearing.

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Tena koe Wendy

Review of Class 4 Venue and Board Venue Policy

On behalf of the Te Aroha HV Assn Inc. I submit the below on their behalf.

Out of the three options we would opt for Option 1 – Sinking Lid. Not sure if that is the appropriate word for that but I suppose a decision has already been made.

All our affiliates were given an opportunity to reply to my email and this the following is what we would like to submit.

Yes we agree that the health and safety of our community is paramount and look forward to feed back.

Option 1 – sinking lid

Prevent new gaming machine venues from opening and reduce the number of gaming machines over time.

Agree in principle

- **to facilitate community involvement in decisions about the provision of C4 gaming in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt.**

Objectives

- **to reduce C4 gaming machine numbers and venues in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt;**
- **to adopt public health approaches to prevent and minimise harm from gambling to support community problem gambling service providers, and monitor C4 Gaming venues;**

#Yes agree to adopt and support approaches to prevent and minimise harm from gambling. However not to abolish all together.

- **to provide community access to information about the funds produced and distributed from C4 gaming within the city; and**

#HCC - To support any non profitable organises to apply for funding.

#To support equity under the Waitangi Treaty act

#Funds be kept within the rōhe of Te Awakairangi

HCC, GVT dpt – should not be allowed to apply for funding.

No new gaming machine licences granted

#Yes – Agree in principle. If there is a venue/venues that already have pokies then no more licenses be issued

Only on the one in one out policy. Eg: one venue shuts down another allowed to be opened (new license)

Interesting that we objected to the indoor bowls in Naenae being allowed to install gaming machines as there were all ready two hotels with in Naenae that had gaming machines.

No merger of venues

 # Why not – RSA and some sporting groups can merg

Venue licences cannot be transferred to a new location

#Why not? *Only if they are moving into a more modern venue with all the policies in place.*

Kaitiaki (operational) approach

- Location assessed as appropriate
- All applications incur a licensing fee
- Best practice guidelines
- Gaming venues assessed as part of routine enforcement work
- Self-excluded patrons supported

Non-club Class 4 to provide additional evidence of primary business sustainability.

#Kaitiaki in this instance doesn't make sense?

Establish council policy on gaming machine funds – do not apply for these funds

- **facilitate community access to information about the funds produced and distributed from Class 4 gambling within the city.**

 # Yes agree with the following reason

Funding logistic or man power for many non profit organisation do not have the capacity to apply for funds. You just about have to be a registered accountant to fill out these applications and follow up, follow up. Sometimes having to apply up to 6 or more times.

Don't say that these people siting on boards are not bias. Go through the successful applicants and do you see many Maori organisations on the lists. ***NO*** *– but they are probably the most feeding these machines. I would not be wrong in saying that there are some that are downright racist!*

We object to council applications via gaming revenue instead they should help non profit organisations – like Marae or sporting groups to apply

Small play groups or schools should be able to apply via these gaming profits. They are always looking for funding via other means. They are not set up to have a treasurer or person solely for the purpose of applying funding.

- **facilitate community access to information about the funds produced and distributed from Class 4 gambling within the city.**

#Yes please

Kaitiaki (operational) approach not sure that Kaitiaki is the right word to use in this case.

- Location assessed as appropriate
- All applications incur a licensing fee
- Best practice guidelines
- Gaming venues assessed as part of routine enforcement work
- Self-excluded patrons supported

Non-club Class 4 to provide additional evidence of primary business sustainability.

#Yes – Is there a committee who enforces these? Nga kaitiaki. I hope it's not up to one person. Kaitiaki (one person)

Hutt City Council's Class 4 Gambling Venue and Board Venue Policy 2015

Hutt City Council's existing policy was adopted in accordance with section 101 of the Gambling Act 2003.The purpose of the policy is to:

- control the growth of Class 4 gaming machine numbers within Hutt City;
- put in place measures to reduce the harm caused by problem gambling;
- encourage responsible gambling practices and attitudes in Class 4 gambling venues; and
- facilitate community access to information about the funds produced and distributed from Class 4 gambling within the city.

Under this option no new Class 4 licenses will be granted by Hutt City Council. Venue licenses will not be able to be transferred to another location, and once a Class 4 venue is closed for more than 6 months it cannot be re-established by another operator. This would lead, over time, to a council policy of no gaming machines in council-owned facilities. If this option is chosen, gaming machines would have to be removed from venues when the policy is approved. Officers recommended this option to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

Yes - Agree in principle

Where Class 4 Gambling venues may be established

Hutt City Council's existing policy places restrictions on new Class 4 gaming venues. Currently Class 4 gaming venues may only be established within the central commercial and Petone commercial activity areas; suburban commercial and special commercial zones; **and general recreation activity areas and special recreation activity areas subject to:**

- meeting application and fee requirements;
- the number of venues being able to be met within the overall city cap (maximum) on venue licenses determined by Council;
- not being a venue at which the primary activity is a family or children's activity;
- not being adjacent or adjoining to any residential zone, school, early childhood centre, kindergarten, place of worship or other community facility;
- two Class 4 venues may not be adjacent or adjoining.

Our venue – which holds 9x pokie machines is on Te Whiti Park does not sit within the Figure 1 of the Class 4 Gaming venue site

Question: Does that mean we have to give up our venues.

Our complex was established (which is unique in our opinion) to service the needs of our people for as it is adjacent to our Marae and all other amenities included above our medical centre.

Our whanau use our venue to come back to after tangi instead of using another venue like another hotel. This is true whakanoa process.

It is a complex to bring together all our sporting groups – rugby league, softball, cricket, netball, tag, touch. Where they socialise in a safe enviroment.

Our local Kura and a number of Kohanga Reo use our venue for a number of gatherings and hui.

Naku noa iti

Wirangi Luke **(Chairman)**

Wainuiomata Community Board's Submission on the Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review

Wednesday 10th November 2021

Tēnā koutou e te Kaunihera o Te Awakairangi Ki Tai,

1. We, the Wainuiomata Community Board make this submission on the Class 4 Gaming Venue and Board Venue Policy Review. We have heard the views of residents in our community and we have encouraged them to make submissions.

2. We engaged with the community in the following ways:
   - Facebook;
   - A WCB Clinic; and
   - Community and personal networks.

3. Attached is some of the feedback (pages 2 and 3) we received, which is varied. Some residents support the status quo and some support minimising the harm that pokies can cause.

4. We would like to limit the addition of more pokie machines in Wainuiomata.

5. We thank you for allowing us to make this submission and we look forward to making an oral submission, if it's allowable under the circumstances of Covid.

Ngā Mihinui,

Gabriel Tupou
Chairperson
Wainuiomata Community Board

Feedback

1. “Hardly going to matter with only the one pub/bar open after Christmas, less pokies to use.”

2. “I never use them waste of money.”

3. “Maybe show the youth to gamble responsibly. People are all ways gonna gamble regardless if it’s on the pokies or the horses, but should learn just to gamble what they can afford to lose.”

4. “I like playing them on the odd occasion I go to a pub, but I gamble within a certain limit and usually come out above, in my job I see the effects of online gambling and those are the ones that really need to be cracked down on.”

5. “Get rid of them. I know to many friends and family that over use them and their babies are the one suffering, starving... being deprived of their basic rights. Hate them for this reason alone and never will or never have played them.”

6. “Get rid of then we don't need them there are a waste of money.”

7. “I don't like dumb machines. Waste of money.”

8. “Keep them be sensible.”

9. “You would be amazed at what is spent daily on the pokies in Wainui. Both pubs wouldn't be open if it wasn't for the rentals they receive for having the machines in their pubs. Hubby used to manage them and it was horrifying the thousands of dollars are spent each week over 80k and that was years ago. My guess is it will be way higher now.”

10. “Get rid of them all.”

11. “Get rid of them. I don’t even know why it’s a question to keep them.”

12. “Everybody deserves a say. The discretion to play them is freedom of choice, it is not right to remove them based on someone's gambling addiction that is there choice not others. Should we all lose the right to enjoyments in life. If you can't control your spend don't play them.”

13. “So should we also stop selling alcohol, because too many people over indulge? Should we stop selling cars because too many people are not responsible drivers (and 8 were killed on the weekend).”

14. “Adults can chose their vices. In a room or online. Leave it alone and find another problem worth fixing.”

15. “Sinking lid. How can we justify the harm it does… some will try, but ethically no one can.”

16. “Probably good to reduce them. I can't see them doing much good - no good actually.”

17. “Keep them at the current policy with the council focusing on grant funding more local organisations and looking at funding gambling reduction and harm programmes. While charities only get a piece of what the pokie produce its a peice they can't reasonably live without a viable alternative.”

18. “I used to work at a venue, and I have seen some harm caused such as a mother who left their young children in the car while they were playing the Pokies. I had to call out in the gaming room ‘who has kids in the car, time to go home - you need to leave’! We were given a bit of a kick up the backside when it came out in the news of a man who died, but had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Pokies, we had to clamp down on identifying problem gamblers. I support the sinking lid especially for Wainuiomata.

19. “I don’t play the Pokies but I belong to the bowling club and the proceeds reduce our membership fees significantly so I support the status quo, but I think they’re harmful to others who can’t afford to lose their money playing them.”

20. “I think they need to get rid of them! Too much temptation for those who can’t afford to lose that money.”

21. “Taking them away over time is a good thing, but people will always find a way to gamble if they’re addicted. I support the sinking lid.”

22. “They shouldn’t be allowed in Wainuiomata. We have a lot of people who can’t afford to lose that money and they’re too accessible.”

23. “How do I put this politely? There’s a lot of poor people in Wainuiomata that don’t have enough to make ends meet and have children to feed, but they lose that money down the machines. They should be feeding their kids instead.”

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Hazel Patterson. — Name

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