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Dear Commissioner Finkelstein

Re: Suspect Criminal Activity at Crown Casino Melbourne.

I would like to inform the Royal Commission on a conversation I had with a young man from Sydney while attending Crown Casino Melbourne in mid-2001.

I used to frequent a pool bar there named Bar Code to play a few games after work on Friday evenings. I was working at the State Revenue Office on Little Collins Street at the time.

One night, a young man in his early 20's invited me to play a game with his two female friends. I agreed and we played a game together. When the game finished, he offered to buy me a drink. He asked me what I did for work, how often I came to Crown, where I was from etc... I responded by asking many similar questions. However, I was quite surprised by some of his answers.

The young man informed me that he worked as a Drug Dealer for the 5T Gang. He lived in Sydney and regularly flew to Melbourne on business to gamble and clean money on behalf of the gang. He explained to me that he had a tough upbringing and that his family were originally from Cambodia.

That night 20 years ago, was the last time I played a game of pool at Crown Casino Melbourne.

The question I want to raise with the Commission is whether it is in the public interest of Victorians that Crown continue to hold a licence given the criminal activity claimed by the person I met at Bar Code in 2001?

Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Brown.

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