

New Submission

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Attached cover page, thank you.

I
write in reference to ToR D & E

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Whether it is in the public interest for Crown Melbourne to continue to hold the casino licence in Victoria.

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If you consider that Crown Melbourne is not a suitable person, or that it is not in the public interest for Crown Melbourne to hold the casino licence in Victoria, what action (if any) would be required for Crown Melbourne to become a suitable person, or for it to be in the public interest for Crown Melbourne to continue to hold the casino licence in Victoria.

My
name is Emily. I am a Victorian, a mother and a social worker. I teach social work and social policy at La Trobe University. I also am a family counsellor for public school students and their parents. It is **not** in the public interest for Crown Melbourne to continue to hold its Victorian licence. Gambling ruins local families. Gambling is one of the most stigmatised addictions and is very challenging to diagnose and treat. It is a hidden community illness. Victoria does not need and has never needed a casino.

If
Crown Melbourne is to continue to hold its licence, various actions need to take place for this to be in the public's interest:

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Cease donations to political parties and individual politicians
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Increase tax payments, to an amount which *at least* doubles welfare support for families impacted by gambling, across the fields of housing, child protection, rehabilitation, counselling and material aid. This is small biccies, when you look at the casino's per annum profit compared to the tax payments made and tax loopholes.
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Three floors of the hotel area to be converted into medium term social housing. We have a housing crisis in this city and it is

nothing less than greed that we cannot, as a society, find a way to make sure that everyone has a warm bed for the night. Every night.

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That the casino become carbon neutral by 2025. We are in a climate emergency.

Thank you
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