

# Hillston Ex-Servicemen's & Citizen's Club Ltd

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Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission  
GPO Box 1428  
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Dear Commissioners

Thankyou for the opportunity to allow our organisation to provide a submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia's gambling industry.

Hillston Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens' Club is located in central NSW and was established in 1951. We are a small community club with around 900 members.

As a community club we provide many facilities for our members and guests including Bistro and Dining Room, Bowling Greens, Tennis Courts, Functions Room, Poker Machines and Keno.

Hillston Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens Club currently employ 13 staff and the Caterer employs 7 staff.

Poker Machines and gambling services accounted for 60% of the clubs revenue for 2008. Revenue generated from the bar and other areas accounted for 40%. In 2008 our level of taxation increased by 7.94%.

Hillston Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens Club also run and maintain an oval for the use of the local sporting organisations. Junior and Senior Cricket, AFL, Men's and Ladies Soccer and Junior Netball all benefit from this

facility. The oval is also used by both the local Schools for various carnivals and activities.

In 2008 the Club provided financial support in the way of sponsorship to the Hillston Men's Bowling Club, Senior Cricket, Hillston Swans AFL and Netball Club, Hillston Outback Triathlon and the Hillston Show Committee. The Club also made available the use of its bowling greens and tennis courts to both schools as well as functions facilities for Griffith Blood Bank, Home Care and Karate at no charge.

The Club takes our commitment to responsible provision of gambling services very seriously. The Responsible Conduct of Gaming Certificate is compulsory for all staff and Club Safe self exclusion has now been in place for several years. The Club has also instigated training for the Board of Directors with two completing their Certificates in RCG last year.

Poker Machine and Keno services are offered to patrons as a form of entertainment. Revenue from these areas is very important as it has allowed us to be an integral part of the Hillston community.

Yours Sincerely

Colin Gibson  
Secretary Manager  
On Behalf of Hillston Ex-Servicemen's & Citizens Club.