




**WHANGANUI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

**Proposed Gambling Venues Policy  
2017**

**Submissions received**

	<p><b>WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL</b> Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui</p>	<p><b>Submission: Proposed Gambling Venues Policy</b></p>
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**Submissions close 4pm 30 October 2017**

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**Alternatively, please return this form, or send your written submission to:**

Proposed Gambling Venues Policy  
Whanganui District Council  
101 Guyton Street  
Whanganui 4500

**Email:** [policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz](mailto:policysubmissions@whanganui.govt.nz)

**YOUR DETAILS** (please print your details clearly)

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Organisation: If you are completing this submission on behalf of an organisation please name the organisation and your role:  
INFINITY FOUNDATION / CEO

**Oral submissions**

If you wish to speak to Council in support of your written submission please tick the box below.

Yes I would like to speak in support of my submission (please ensure you have completed the details above, including contact **phone number**)

**Note:** Submissions will be heard on 14 November 2017. If you have indicated that you wish to speak on your submission we will contact you to arrange a time.

If you would be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council please tick the box below and ensure your contact details have been completed.

Yes I would like to be involved in future consultation and am happy for you to retain my contact details.

Please turn over

Please indicate your level of agreement for options.

<b>Class 4 venues</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.					✓
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.		✓			
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established.		✓			
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	✓				
<b>Class 4 gaming machines</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.					✓
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.		✓			
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines beyond the district's current total of 225.	✓				
<b>Merger of two or more existing clubs</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total.	✓				

<b>Relocation of class 4 venue</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8-9).	✓				
<b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.					✓
<b>Standalone TAB venues</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
<b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted.</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.		✓			
<b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.				✓	
<b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.				✓	
<b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.				✓	

Please feel free to add further comments

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*Thank you for your submission*

**OPTIONAL:**

Have you submitted to Council before?

Yes       No

**Gender:**      Female       Male       Gender Diverse

**Age:**      Under 18 Years       18 – 29 years       30 – 39 years       40 – 49 years   
50 – 59 years       60 years and over

**Ethnicity:**      NZ European       Maori       Asian       Pacific Peoples   
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African   
Other  .....

**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [jenit@clear.net.nz](mailto:jenit@clear.net.nz)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 2 October 2017 10:49:55 a.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	460101049175902
First name	Jenny
Last name	Tamakehu
Email address	jenit@clear.net.nz
Postal address	4 Kea Place Whanganui
Daytime phone number	
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	Maori
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue closed, it could be replaced but the	Strongly disagree

total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<p><b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<p><b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant</p>	

consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).	Disagree
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Strongly agree
STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	Agree
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



**From:** [Marianne Cavanagh](#)  
**To:** [Leayne Huirua](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 2 October 2017 1:27:05 p.m.

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**From:** Whanganui District Council [mailto:noreply@whanganui.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Friday, 29 September 2017 12:53 p.m.  
**To:** [steve@stevebaron.co.nz](mailto:steve@stevebaron.co.nz)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	879091253171429
First name	Steve
Last name	Baron
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Daytime phone number	+64211651882
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly disagree

<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.</p>	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</p>	
<p><b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</p>	
<p>Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</p>	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</p>	

<p><b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	Agree
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Strongly disagree
STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly agree
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [dkcripps@farmside.co.nz](mailto:dkcripps@farmside.co.nz)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Tuesday, 3 October 2017 2:42:20 p.m.

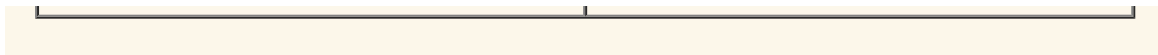


Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	527101442171603
First name	Kim
Last name	Cripps
Email address	dkcripps@farmside.co.nz
Postal address	641 Waikupa Rd Springvale
Daytime phone number	0276298546
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
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<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly agree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
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<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<p><b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant</p>	

consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b>  This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Strongly agree
STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy).  This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b>  If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly agree
Further comments	Where do the profits from these machines go? Does anyone funds find their way back into the community?
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [roydonchess@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roydonchess@xtra.co.nz)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Friday, 6 October 2017 9:33:39 a.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	929100933174806
First name	Roydon
Last name	Chesswas
Email address	roydonchess@xtra.co.nz
Postal address	24 VIRGINIA ROAD SAINT JOHNS HILL WHANGANUI 4500
Daytime phone number	3480559
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years and over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	



closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b>  This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</p>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy).  This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b>  If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
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<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>No</p>



**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [chopchadwick@gmail.com](mailto:chopchadwick@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Tuesday, 10 October 2017 3:05:24 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	659101505174010
First name	Charles
Last name	Chadwick
Email address	chopchadwick@gmail.com
Postal address	142 Guyton St Whanganui
Daytime phone number	0212278884
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	Maori
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
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total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
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<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	Strongly agree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
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consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).	Strongly agree
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STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [davis.illona@gmail.com](mailto:davis.illona@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Wednesday, 11 October 2017 11:11:59 a.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	907101112171611
First name	Illona
Last name	Davis
Email address	davis.illona@gmail.com
Postal address	49 Roberts Ave, Aramoho, Whanganui
Daytime phone number	021-1476791
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue closed, it could be replaced but the	Agree

total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	
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<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<p><b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<p><b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant</p>	



consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Strongly agree
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<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
Further comments	I oppose any venues or gambling machines been introduced into Whanganui City. I would like to see a decrease not an increase.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my	

submission	No
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**From:** Whanganui District Council  
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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Female
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	Maori
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
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closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly disagree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b>  This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
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<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy).  This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b>  If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
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<p>Further comments</p>	
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>No</p>



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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years and over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
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Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

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Thank you for your submission.

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Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	60 years and over
Ethnicity	Other,Born USA, NZ citizen
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
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<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	Disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	Disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Disagree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<p><b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant</p>	

<p>consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
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	<p>The .3% is not based on the economic conditions. It is misleading. If the % were for those unemployed, underemployed, on the benefit, etc, and had higher income areas screened out of the research outcomes I suspect that the % would be much higher, and the number of problem gamblers in</p>

Further comments	Whanganui subsequently higher. Data from relief, counseling and financial counseling agencies would no doubt provide a more substantial data construct! There are no mentions of opening hours. There is no need for an alcohol (bar) or gambling (TAB) venue to open before 10am or stay open past midnight. That is a 14 hour trading day which is almost twice what a normal shop on the avenue would have!
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

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Thank you for your submission.

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Your role	Chairman
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
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closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly disagree
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<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

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<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
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<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
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<p>Further comments</p>	<p>We want to support a policy that minimizes the risk to the Maori and Pacific community and we believe will reduce criminal activity and anti social behaviour</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>



I would like to speak in support of my submission
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No
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**From:** David Lupton  
**To:** [!Policy Submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Gambling Policy  
**Date:** Wednesday, 25 October 2017 8:38:00 p.m.

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I agree that gambling is an addictive pastime that causes real harm. However I do not think that the proposed policies will reduce it, but instead will ensure even less of the money spent will be returned to punters

David Lupton  
11 Iris Place

**From:** Janis Cusack  
**To:** [!Policy Submissions](#)  
**Subject:** gambling venues  
**Date:** Wednesday, 25 October 2017 8:52:39 p.m.

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Hi WDC,

Just some thoughts on these gambling venues in town.

They need to be minimised as much as is humanely possible.

Not only is gambling a huge waste of (hard earned) money, but more significantly, it is a form of stealing from families that really need that money for food and other essentials.

The real causes of poverty are gambling and excess spending on drugs and alcohol to the detriment of family 'food on the table', rent/mortgage payments etc.

Addiction also goes hand in hand with all three of these pursuits and that needs to be prevented at all costs.

I would encourage you to push for a reduction in gambling venues, especially those that are cheap money wasters, like pokies. and easily 'hook people in'.

Regards,

Janis Cusack

**From:** Whanganui District Council  
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**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Wednesday, 25 October 2017 10:46:55 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years and over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
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closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Disagree
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<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Disagree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Disagree
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<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</p>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>Overall problem gamblers will gamble even if all TAB's &amp; Gaming machines were banned - they would go underground. But all those non-gamblers who are not compulsive gamblers would be compromised.</p>

Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



Submission to  
**Whanganui District Council**  
on the proposed  
**Class 4 Gambling Venue Policy**

**October 2017**



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## Executive summary

- Gaming trusts return around \$260 million to the New Zealand community every year in grants, while implementing the Gambling Act's stringent requirements for preventing and minimising harm from gambling. Many grassroots organisations would struggle or cease to operate without gaming trust funds.
- TLA gambling venue policies are critical to maintaining the infrastructure that allows community funding from gaming trusts to be sustainable long term. Sinking lid and restrictive relocation policies destroy this infrastructure. Council needs to take a balanced approach to community benefit and potential harm from gambling.
- Reducing the number of gaming machines in communities does not reduce problem gambling, which has been consistent at a rate of around 0.5% of the adult population since 2007, despite a decrease of around 5,000 gaming machines since then. Allowing gaming venues to relocate out of areas of high deprivation is more effective in reducing problem gambling.
- It is not gaming machines that are the problem, it is the behaviour of a small percentage of people with complex psychological issues who make a personal choice to gamble.

### 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 depend on pub gaming to survive. It is crucial that this fundraising system is sustainable long term.

Funding to community organisations from gaming trusts reduced from \$389 million in 2004 to around \$260 million in 2016<sup>1</sup> – a decline of 33%. 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.<sup>2</sup>

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 communities 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.

Between 1 October 2016 and 30 September 2017, NZCT alone returned over \$930,000 to the Whanganui district to support sports, community and educational organisations.

Every year, the gaming trust sector as a whole raises around \$300 million<sup>3</sup> for thousands of 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 the Government, prompting the current Class 4 review with its central focus on long-term sustainability of the funding model.

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<sup>1</sup> *Pokie Proceeds: Building Strong Communities*, DIA, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> Page iii, *Community Funding Survey*, Point Research 2012.

<sup>3</sup> *Class 4 Gambling Report*, DIA, 2017.

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 90% of our funds locally.

## **The pub gaming sector has experienced a significant decline**

During the last 13 years the pub gaming sector has experienced a significant decline. Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) statistics show that, between 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2017:

- the number of gaming venues reduced from 1,970 to 1,180 (a 40% reduction)<sup>4</sup>
- the number of gaming machines operating reduced from 22,497 to 15,858 (a 30% reduction)<sup>5</sup>.

Between 2004 and 2016, pub gaming expenditure fell from \$1,328 million to \$843 million (a 36.5% reduction),<sup>6</sup> translating to a decline of around \$129 million in funds (a 33% reduction) available for distribution to the community.

## **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 30% reduction in gaming machine numbers during the past 13 years, New Zealand's problem gambling rate has remained consistently low at around 0.3% to 0.7% of the population. The New Zealand 2012 Gambling Study concluded "...there has probably been no change in the prevalence of current problem and moderate-risk gambling since 2006."<sup>7</sup>

Changes to the legislation have meant a higher minimum percentage of gaming machine profits must be returned to the community than previously (40% up from 37.12%), putting additional pressure on many gaming societies. This will force them to shed venues not contributing enough, given other cost pressures.

## **Online gambling is an unregulated threat**

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.

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<sup>6</sup> DIA statistics: [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg\\_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Gambling-Expenditure-Statistics](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Gambling-Expenditure-Statistics)

<sup>7</sup> Page 7, *New Zealand 2012 Gambling Study: Gambling harm and problem gambling*.

## **Location of gambling machines is more important than their number**

Research<sup>8</sup> 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<sup>9</sup> to require local authorities to consider adding relocation clauses to their gambling policies.

As well as harm minimisation benefits, 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.

## **NZCT's recommendations**

The New Zealand Community Trust recommends Whanganui District Council:

- adopt option 3 and change from a sinking lid policy to a cap based on the current number of gaming machines (225) or slightly more, because maintaining a sinking lid will have significant negative consequences for community funding in the district
- broaden the proposed relocation policy (option A) to allow venue owners to move for their own business reasons, as well as when they are forced to for reasons beyond their control (we provide a suggested clause on page 14).

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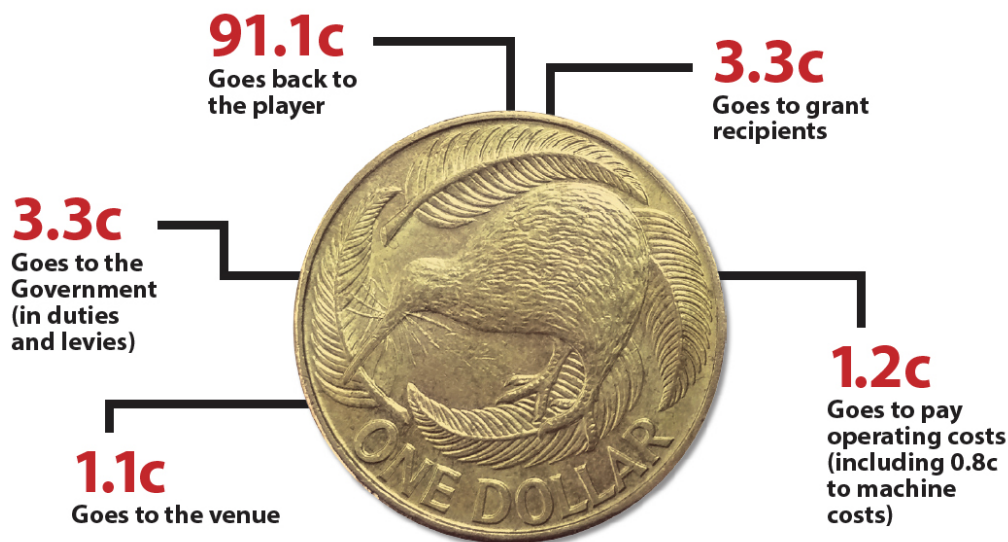
<sup>8</sup> *Brief Literature Review to Summarise the Social Impacts of Gaming Machines and TAB Gambling in Auckland*, Gambling & Addictions Research Centre, AUT University, 2012.

<sup>9</sup> Section 97A and 102(5A).

## 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.

For every dollar a player wagers at an NZCT gaming room, on average:



Research<sup>10</sup> shows that the annual entertainment value from the pub gaming sector to recreational players is around \$250 million. The government revenue in the form of tax, duties and levies is also substantial and was over \$279 million in 2014.

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 2016, the amount of funds returned to the community from non-casino gaming grants was around \$260 million.<sup>11</sup> Class 4 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 2015/16 reporting period).

Each year the gambling industry pays around \$18.5 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.

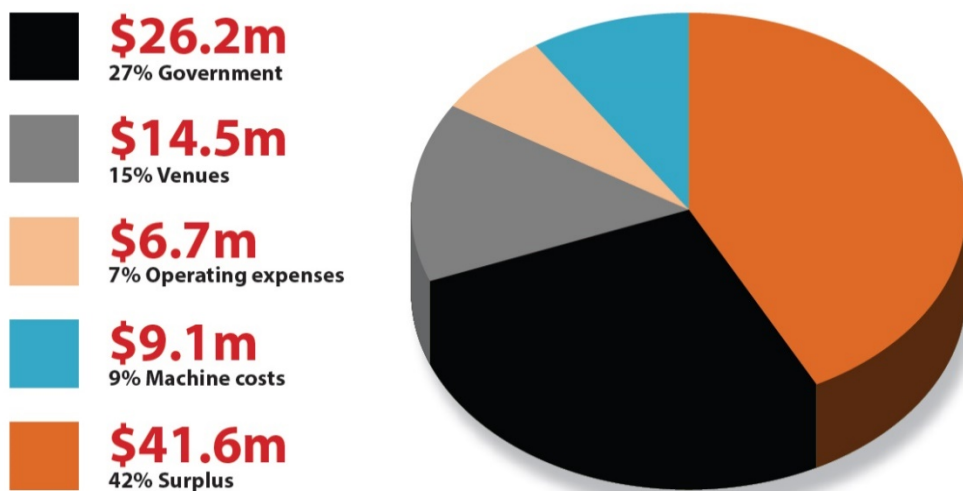
Pub gaming is tightly regulated and no more than 16% of gaming proceeds can be paid to gaming venue operators to cover site rental, including staff costs and business overheads relating to the gambling operation.

<sup>10</sup> Maximising the benefits to communities from New Zealand's community gaming model, BERL, February 2013.

<sup>11</sup> Pokie Proceeds: Building Strong Communities, DIA Website, 2016.

**NZCT's contribution to community sports and other groups in 2015/16**

Where the money went



In the year ending 30 September 2016, NZCT distributed \$40.9 million to 1,821 sports and community groups.

Amateur sport is our main focus, so around 80% of the grants we distribute go to sports organisations. Each year, NZCT funds around 50 different sports.

In 2015, we funded the equivalent of:

- uniforms for 46,771 rugby teams (one uniform costs \$60), or
- 2,806,236 footballs (one football costs \$15), or
- 5,262 four-person waka (one waka costs \$8,000), or
- more than 2.1 million hours – or 241 years – of coaching (one hour of coaching costs \$20), or
- 28 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 21 million \$2 sausages at sausage sizzles and every person in New Zealand would need to buy and eat four sausages, or
- sell at least four \$2 raffle tickets to every man, woman and child in New Zealand each year, or
- wash around 8.4 million cars at \$5 a wash, which would take 10 people continuously washing cars for 30 minutes each more than 48 years to achieve.

Between 1 October 2016 and 30 September 2017, NZCT made the following grants to Whanganui district sports and community organisations that illustrate the diversity of causes we support:

- Netball Wanganui – \$64,000 towards salaries and tournament costs
- Whanagnui College – \$20,000 towards a new rowing eight
- Wanganui Events Trust – \$40,000 towards salaries
- Whanganui Volunteer Centre Trust – \$10,000 towards salary

- Wanganui Group Of The Riding For The Disabled Association – \$20,000 towards salary
- Te Kura o Kokohuia – \$50,380 towards shadesails and turf
- Wanganui Volunteer Coastguard – \$19,940 towards a boat trailer
- Hospice Whanganui – \$15,000 towards salary
- Cancer Society of NZ Wanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre – \$5,000 towards therapeutic massage for cancer patients

A full list of Whanganui grants is in Appendix 2.



## The pub gaming sector faces multiple, significant challenges

During the last 13 years the pub gaming sector has experienced a significant decline. Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) statistics show that, between 30 June 2004 and 30 June 2017:

- the number of gaming venues reduced from 1,970 to 1,180 (a 40% reduction)<sup>12</sup>
- the number of gaming machines operating reduced from 22,497 to 15,858 (a 30% reduction)<sup>13</sup>.

Between 2004 and 2016, pub gaming expenditure fell from \$1,328 million to \$843 million (a 36.5% reduction),<sup>14</sup> translating to a decline of around \$129 million in funds (a 33% reduction) available for distribution to the community.

As at 30 June 2017, there are 15 Class 4 gaming venues licensed to operate 225 electronic gaming machines (EGMs) in the Whanganui district. This is a decline from the 23 venues licensed to operate 286 EGMs as at 30 June 2004. This is a 35% decline in venues and a 22% decline in EGMs.

The Class 4 gambling sector is vulnerable to a number of ongoing cost pressures on what is an already-vulnerable hospitality sector. These may contribute to – or accelerate – its decline.

### Increased minimum return to the community

In September 2014, regulations were promulgated that set a new minimum threshold for the return of gaming funds to the community. Societies must return a minimum of 40% of net proceeds, up from 37.12%. While NZCT achieved the 40% return in the year ending 30 September 2017, we have serious concerns about our ability to sustain this level of distribution due to other cost increases, such as the licence fee increase (see below).

We expect the minimum return rate of 40% will similarly put pressure on many gaming societies. Some societies are being forced to shed their lower-performing gaming venues to achieve this percentage return, given other cost pressures. Such venues are typically located in smaller centres. The 40% requirement may result in a lower overall dollar amount being returned to the communities through pub gaming grants. The Government's decision to limit the increase to 40%, rather than the proposed stepped increase to 42% over five years, recognised the potential for actual dollar returns to reduce under a higher percentage return.

In addition, the sector is awaiting regulatory changes that are expected 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.

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<sup>12</sup> DIA statistics: [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg\\_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Summary-of-Venues-and-Numbers-by-Territorial-AuthorityDistrict](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Summary-of-Venues-and-Numbers-by-Territorial-AuthorityDistrict)

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## Licence fee increase

A 53% increase in Class 4 gambling licence fees was introduced on 1 February 2016. This increase added approximately \$1 million to NZCT's annual operating costs alone and has exacerbated the financial pressure imposed by the increased minimum return requirement of 40%.

## Increased competition

During the past four years, other modes of gambling, such as casinos, Lotto products and the New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB), have seen revenue increases – Lotto by 33%. While the Lotteries Commission does return about 20% of its funds to the community, casinos' profits go directly to their shareholders and the majority of NZRB distributions are directed towards the racing industry.<sup>15</sup> Many Lotto and NZRB products are available online and this area of their operation is growing, but the pub gaming sector is prohibited from operating online or otherwise promoting its offering.

In addition, 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.

The 2010 Health and Lifestyles Survey found that 19% of survey participants played an internet game for money through an overseas website.<sup>16</sup> According to the Problem Gambling Foundation, the problem gambling rate among those who gamble on the internet is 10 times higher than that of the general population.<sup>17</sup> We expect this form of unregulated gambling will increase exponentially, as is already happening in Australia with online sports betting, according to recent media reports.<sup>18</sup>

## Strict compliance requirements

The pub gaming sector is closely monitored by the DIA to ensure it complies with a complex regime of rules and regulations in addition to the Gambling Act. The resources needed to meet these compliance thresholds can be prohibitive and could explain why some people and organisations are leaving the sector.

## One-off costs

One-off costs have been, and will continue to be, a challenge for societies. These include any new technological requirements imposed by regulations in the future, such as pre-commitment, player tracking or harm minimisation systems in, or associated with, gaming machines.

For example, the introduction of new bank notes in 2015 and 2016 required gaming societies to upgrade gaming machine software and hardware at significant cost. By 2 December 2015 all gaming machine jackpots had to be downloadable. Each conversion from a manual to a downloadable jackpot cost between \$3,000 and \$20,000 per venue. Based on the number of venues (1,220<sup>19</sup>) at the time, this project added a cost burden to the sector of between \$3.66 million and \$24.4 million. As a result of

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<sup>15</sup> Page 6, NZRB *Annual Report 2016* reports \$135.3 million total distributions, of which only \$3 million (2.2%) was directed to sporting causes other than racing.

<sup>16</sup> Page 16, [http://archive.hsc.org.nz/sites/default/files/publications/Gambling\\_Participation\\_final-web.pdf](http://archive.hsc.org.nz/sites/default/files/publications/Gambling_Participation_final-web.pdf).

<sup>17</sup> Problem Gambling Foundation Fact Sheet 04, July 2011.

<sup>18</sup> 'Sport's bets: a risky game', Emily Chantiri, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 20 September 2017

<sup>19</sup> DIA statistics.

these two projects, gaming societies had fewer funds available for distribution to the community in the 2014/15 and 2015/16 years.

### **The Government's response**

In a media statement on 15 October 2015 relating to the passing of the Gambling Amendment Act (No.2), the Minister of Internal Affairs acknowledged the value of pub gaming grants and the need to ensure the sustainability of this funding model long term. The sector is currently the subject of a major government review with a focus on long-term sustainability and effective allocation of funding to communities, without driving growth in gambling.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> *Discussion document: Review of class 4 gambling*, Department of Internal Affairs, June 2016.

## NZCT's position

In the following pages, we provide five reasons why we advocate for gaming venues to be allowed to relocate to new premises in a broad range of circumstances. We also provide seven reasons for a cap based on the current number of gaming machines, rather than a sinking lid policy.

### Reasons to allow gaming operations to relocate in a broad range of circumstances

#### Helping reduce harm

Research<sup>21</sup> 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".<sup>22</sup> The Ministry of Health also found "being a problem gambler is significantly associated with living closer to gambling venues."<sup>23</sup> 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 of time, 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.<sup>24</sup>

#### Allowing appropriate benefit and responsibility

Gaming machine entitlements sit with the property at a physical address, yet property owners are not regulated under the Gambling Act. In effect, the property owner holds the power, but has no responsibility for the gambling operation, unless they are also the operator of the site.

A broad relocation clause distributes the benefit and responsibility more fairly, enabling the gambling operator to choose where they wish to establish their business. A building owner could hike rents and ignore building maintenance because they know they have a captive tenant. In contrast, having a broad

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<sup>21</sup> *Brief Literature Review to Summarise the Social Impacts of Gaming Machines and TAB Gambling in Auckland*, Gambling & Addictions Research Centre, AUT University, 2012.

<sup>22</sup> Page 21, *Ministry of Health Gambling Resource for Local Government*, 2013.

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>24</sup> *Internal Affairs Policy Briefing 3: Options for improving territorial authority gaming machine policies*, 28 March 2013.

relocation clause incentivises building owners to maintain and upgrade their premises to attract and retain high-quality tenants.

**Parliament’s directive is being acknowledged by other councils**

Of the 23 local authorities that completed a gambling venue policy review in 2015, 2016 or 2017, only three have not included a relocation option or explicit clause in their policy.

This reflects legislative change in September 2013, which required councils beginning a review of their gambling policy for the first time following the Gambling Act amendment to consider introducing a relocation clause (section 102(5A)).

Council	Submissions made	Review result
Thames-Coromandel	March 2015	Added relocation option
Wellington City	May 2015	Added relocation option
Westland	May 2015	Added relocation option
Hutt City	June 2015	Added relocation clause
Kaipara	June 2015	Added relocation option
Invercargill City	July 2015	Added relocation option
Waipa	August 2015	Added relocation option
Waitaki	September 2015	Added relocation option
Gisborne	November 2015	Added relocation option
Whakatane	April 2016	Added relocation clause
Matamata-Piako	April 2016	Added relocation clause
Southland	July 2016	Added relocation option
South Taranaki	August 2016	Added relocation option
Palmerston North	October 2016	Existing relocation option remains unchanged
Tasman	No public consultation	No relocation clause added
Otorohanga	March 2017	No relocation clause added
Hastings	March 2017	Existing relocation clause amended
Auckland	No public consultation	No relocation clause added
Napier	May 2017	Existing relocation clause amended
Rotorua	May 2017	Existing relocation clause amended
Queenstown	June 2017	No relocation clause added
Wairoa	June 2017	Existing relocation clause remains unchanged
Waitomo	No public consultation	Existing relocation clause remains unchanged

**NZCT’s proposed relocation clause**

Whanganui District Council’s proposed gambling venues policy does not provide for a broad relocation clause as allowed for under section 101(3)(c) of the Gambling Act 2003. We recommend that the policy allow for relocation of venues in a wide variety of situations, for example, when an operator would like to move to newer or better maintained premises, when a change in population demographics alters the suitability of the current location, or when a building owner charges exorbitant rents.

We suggest a suitable clause:

*A new venue consent will be issued by Council in the following circumstances:*

- (a) where the venue is intended to replace an existing venue within the district;
- (b) where the existing venue operator consents to the relocation; and
- (c) where the proposed new location meets all the other requirements in this policy.

*In accordance with section 97A of the Gambling Act 2003, when consent is sought to relocate a venue under this relocation provision, the new venue may operate up to the same number of machines that was permitted to operate at the old venue immediately before the old venue licence is cancelled as a result of the relocation.*

## **Reasons to have a cap based on current machine numbers, not a sinking lid**

### **Gaming machines are an important component of your local hospitality sector and an important source of community funding**

#### ***Local hospitality sector***

Businesses that host gaming machines are typically pubs and hotels. NZCT has six active gaming venues operating in Whanganui district:

- Caroline's Boatshed at 11 Somme Parade
- Castlecliff Hotel at 1 Polson Street
- Red Lion Inn at 45 ANZAC Parade
- Shotz at 75 Guyton Street
- Stellar Bar at 2 Victoria Avenue
- Tandoori Spice Bar at 88 Guyton Street

In the year to 30 September 2017, these venues returned \$1,497,584 to the community, representing 37.74% of their net profit.

These businesses also contribute to your local economy, employing staff and providing hospitality options for residents and tourists.

#### ***Community funding***

Between 1 October 2016 and 30 September 2017, NZCT approved 57 grants totalling \$938,870.59 to organisations in Whanganui. NZCT's primary purpose is to support amateur sport, so most of these grants went to local sports clubs. However, NZCT also granted funds to schools, community and cultural organisations.

Grants we have awarded recently include \$40,000 to YMCA Central to rejuvenate their basketball courts, \$10,000 to Wanganui Rangitikei Clay Target Club towards construction and fit out of a new ablutions block and \$50,380.10 to Te Kura o Kokohuia for shadesails and turf for a school facility upgrade. These are some of the many infrastructure projects we are keen to fund that provide long-term benefits to a club, school or community.

We 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.

A full list of our grants to Whanganui from 1 October 2016 and 30 September 2017 is in Appendix 2.

### ***Regional funding***

Between 1 October 2015 and 30 September 2017, NZCT approved 12 grants totalling \$382,700 to organisations that cover the whole Manawatu-Wanganui region, some of which provide benefits to residents in Whanganui. Again, most of these grants were for amateur sports purposes. We often fund sports officers' salaries as these roles are pivotal to the success of regional sporting programmes and events.

Full details of our funding across the Manawatu-Wanganui region from 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2017 are in Appendix 2.

### ***National funding***

Around 10% of our grant funds go towards national organisations, such as Life Flight, Coastguard New Zealand, Barnado's New Zealand and Paralympics New Zealand, which offer benefits to the wider community.

Full details of our national funding from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 are in Appendix 3.

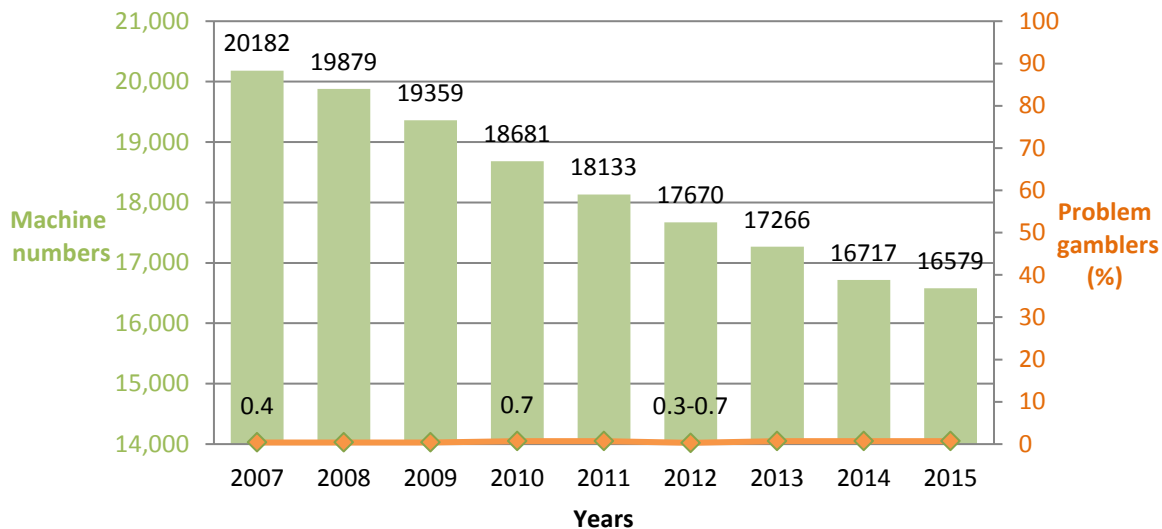
### ***Difference between pub gaming societies, and clubs and NZRB***

The pub gaming model differs from the gaming run at clubs like RSAs and in New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB) venues. Those entities are able to apply the funds they raise to their own purposes, for example, maintaining clubrooms or funding race meetings. In its 2016 annual report, NZRB advised its distributions totalled \$135.3 million to the three racing codes and only \$3 million to other sports codes. In contrast, class 4 societies like NZCT distribute all net proceeds to the community.

### **Gaming machine numbers have little effect on problem gambling numbers**

It is 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. As shown in the graph on the next page, a reduction of nearly 4,000 gaming machines across the country between 2007 and 2015 has had almost no impact on the small percentage of problem gamblers nationally.

Gaming machine numbers and problem gambling prevalence 2007–2015:



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 National Gambling Survey found the rate was 0.7% of people aged 18 years and over.

**Gaming machines are a legal and valid entertainment choice**

Pub gaming is a legal, valid and enjoyable source of entertainment for Whanganui 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.”<sup>25</sup>

We recognise that Whanganui District Council aims, through its Long-term Plan, to balance the needs of visitors and residents while achieving economic development. We support this objective and believe a vibrant hospitality sector is a vital part of achieving this outcome.

Pub gaming brings many benefits to New Zealand. Business and Economic Research Ltd research<sup>26</sup> has calculated that each year the entertainment value to recreational players is around \$250 million, the grants value to the community is also around \$250 million, and the Government revenue value in the form of tax, duties and levies is 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.<sup>27</sup> The study concluded that “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

<sup>25</sup> Gambling Commission decision GC 03/07.

<sup>26</sup> *Maximising the benefits to communities from New Zealand’s Community Gaming Model*, BERL, February 2013.

<sup>27</sup> Pg 8, *NZ 2012 National Gambling Study: Overview and gambling participation*.



[electronic gaming machine] numbers and the expansion of regulatory, public health and treatment measures.”<sup>28</sup>

Prevalence of gambling by level of risk of gambling problems:<sup>29</sup>

Problem gambling level	2006/07	2011/12
No gambling	34.9%	47.9%
Recreational gambling	59.9%	49%
Low-risk gambling	3.5%	1.8%
Moderate-risk gambling	1.3%	1%
Problem gambling	0.4%	0.3%

Preliminary results from the 2016 Health and Lifestyle Survey indicate there has been no increase in the overall prevalence of problem gambling from 2014 to 2016. The planned national gambling survey for 2017 will indicate whether this downward trend has been sustained. When taking into account population growth from 2014 to 2016, the preliminary results indicate there has been no significant increase in the numbers of people who meet the criteria for problem gambling, despite an upward trend in gaming machine expenditure.<sup>30</sup>

**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 below, New Zealand has one of the lowest rates of problem gambling in the world.<sup>31</sup> Relatively few New Zealanders are gambling at levels that lead to negative consequences; the majority of people who gamble know when to stop.

**International comparison of problem gambling prevalence:**

Country	Problem gambling prevalence (% population*)
New Zealand	0.3–0.7
UK	0.6
Norway	0.7
Australia	0.5–1.0
USA	2.3
Canada	2.6
* Mixture of CPGI, PGSI and SOGS scores <sup>32</sup>	

**Gaming machines can only be played in strictly controlled environments**

As a corporate society licensed to conduct Class 4 gambling, NZCT is fully aware of its obligations under the Gambling Act 2003. All our gaming rooms are operated by trained staff at licensed venues.

<sup>28</sup> Pg 18, *ibid*.

<sup>29</sup> *2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey, 2011/12 New Zealand Health Survey preliminary findings*.

<sup>30</sup> DIA media release: <http://livenews.co.nz/2017/04/21/new-zealand-gaming-pokie-spending-patterns-continue/>

<sup>31</sup> *Maximising the benefits to communities from New Zealand’s community gaming model*, BERL, February 2013.

<sup>32</sup> 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.

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.

### ***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 is 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.

### ***NZCT's harm minimisation activities***

NZCT takes all its 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
- Exclusion Orders and guidance on the Exclusion Order process
- a Harm Minimisation Incident Register to record any problem gambling issues and action taken by staff
- signage, pamphlets and other problem gambling resources.

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.



**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 have to 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 have to work through an online training tool, which includes an assessment that they must pass. Refresher training is provided at regular intervals. Gaming venues are continually reminded of their obligation to ensure a person trained in harm minimisation is on duty at all times the venue is operating.

**Support is available for problem gamblers**

Each year the gambling industry pays around \$18.5 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.

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.<sup>33</sup>

The world’s largest clinical trial<sup>34</sup> for problem gambling treatment found that, one year after calling the Gambling Helpline, three-quarters of callers had quit or significantly reduced their gambling. This research provides a level of assurance for local communities, councils and the government.

<sup>33</sup> Page 16, *Outcomes Framework for Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm Baseline Report*, May 2013.

<sup>34</sup> *The Effectiveness of Problem Gambling Brief Telephone Interventions*, AUT, Gambling & Addictions Research Centre.

## **Further information about our submission**

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## Appendix 1 – About NZCT

Established in 1998, NZCT is New Zealand’s largest gaming trust with 16% market share. Our publicans raise funds by operating gaming lounges within their pubs, hotels and other venues. In the 12 months to 30 September 2016, NZCT approved \$40.9 million in grant funding to sporting, local government and community groups nationwide.

We have twin goals of serving both our publicans and the communities in which they operate. At least 80% of the funds we 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.<sup>35</sup>



Overseas research<sup>36</sup> has found participation in sport can lead to increased health and productivity for individuals, and increased wealth or wellbeing of society as a whole. While amateur sport is our main focus, we are also strong supporters of other worthy community activities, including local government projects. The list of grants appended to this submission shows the local organisations that have benefited from NZCT funding recently.

### Who we are

We are proud of our robust grants system and of the quality of people involved with NZCT. All our trustees<sup>37</sup> are highly regarded business and community leaders with extensive governance experience. They are supported by an experienced staff and nine Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) who add local knowledge and insight to our grant decisions.

Our Horizons RAC member, Gerard Gillespie, reviews and makes recommendations on grant applications submitted by organisations in your region. Gerard has a strong interest in sport and wide networks that enable him to provide funding recommendations based on local feedback.

<sup>35</sup> Sport England’s Value of Sport Monitor.

<sup>36</sup> [http://www.ausport.gov.au/information/asc\\_research/publications/value\\_of\\_sport](http://www.ausport.gov.au/information/asc_research/publications/value_of_sport).

<sup>37</sup> Alan Isaac (NZCT chairman, professional director and sports administrator), Peter Dale (former Hillary Commission chief executive), David Pilkington (professional director), Kerry Prendergast (former mayor of Wellington) and Lesley Murdoch (Olympian and former New Zealand cricket captain, broadcaster).

## Appendix 2: NZCT Whanganui local and Manawatu-Wanganui regional grants

Between 1 October 2016 and 30 September 2017, NZCT approved 57 grants to the value of \$938,870.59 to sports and community groups in the Whanganui district. We also approved 12 grants totalling \$382,700 to Manawatu-Wanganui regional organisations, some of which provide benefits to Whanganui residents.

Organisation	Amount	Purpose
Netball Wanganui	\$64,000.00	Towards salaries, and travel accommodation for U17 Nationals
Whanganui College	\$20,000.00	Towards a new eight rowing boat
YMCA Central	\$40,000.00	Towards basketball court rejuvenation
Aramoho Wanganui Rowing Club	\$15,000.00	Towards salary of Head Coach
Community House Whanganui Association	\$5,000.00	Towards salaries
Whanganui Multisport Club	\$25,000.00	Towards salaries
Gonville Bowling Club	\$5,000.00	Towards wages for Greenkeeper
Aramoho Bowling Club	\$3,000.00	Towards purchase of fertilisers and sprays for greens maintenance
Wanganui Tech Cricket Club	\$3,000.00	Towards cricket balls
Athletics Wanganui	\$5,000.00	Towards bus travel to various athletics events
Wanganui Sports Foundation	\$75,000.00	Towards salaries
Wanganui Rangitikei Clay Target Club	\$10,000.00	Towards construction and fit out of a new ablutions block
Wanganui Events Trust	\$40,000.00	Towards salaries
Cancer Society of NZ Wanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre	\$5,000.00	Towards operating costs for an event
Wanganui Rugby Football Union	\$45,000.00	Towards salary
Age Concern Wanganui	\$2,000.00	Towards salary
Wanganui Boys and Girls Gym Club	\$30,000.00	Towards salary
Wanganui Water Ski Club	\$3,500.00	Towards watersports equipment
Wanganui High School	\$24,000.00	Towards accommodation and vehicle hire for sports teams
Wanganui Swimming Club	\$20,000.00	Towards salaries
Wanganui City Football Club	\$2,000.00	Towards playing shirts, shorts, socks and balls
Wanganui City College Board of Trustees	\$5,000.00	Towards salary
Marist Football Club	\$1,200.00	Towards playing uniforms
Union Boat Club	\$20,000.00	Towards coxed quad scull/four rowing skiff
Wanganui Sailing Club	\$12,000.00	Towards purchase of Open Bic yachts
Kaierau Rugby Football Club	\$4,000.00	Towards bus travel

Whanganui Volunteer Centre Trust	\$10,000.00	Towards salary
Station United Sports Club	\$2,400.00	Towards netball netball equipment and uniforms
Wanganui Lightning United Inline Hockey Club	\$3,000.00	Towards hall hire
Target Shooting Wanganui	\$1,072.00	Towards accommodation
Wanganui Indoor Bowlers Association	\$2,500.00	Towards hall hire
Badminton Whanganui	\$5,000.00	Towards hall hire
Wanganui Basketball Association	\$7,425.38	Towards stadium hire
Collegians Women's Hockey Club	\$1,076.00	Towards turf fees
Wanganui Amateur Roller Skating Club	\$6,171.00	Towards hall hire
Wanganui Group Of The Riding For The Disabled Association	\$20,000.00	Towards salary
Wanganui East Bowling Club	\$816.84	Towards topsoil
Tennis Wanganui	\$25,000.00	Towards salary
Wanganui High School	\$20,000.00	Towards fee for Sports Pathway Coach
Wanganui Pirates Rugby Football Club	\$20,000.00	Towards playing uniforms and training equipment
Wanganui Pirates Rugby Football Club	\$1,315.00	Towards rugby balls
Te Kura o Kokohuia	\$50,380.10	Towards shadesails and turf for school facility upgrade
Rivercity Boxing Club	\$10,000.00	Towards gym equipment
Wanganui City Football Club	\$1,408.66	Towards footballs and goal nets
Wanganui Volunteer Coastguard	\$19,940.00	Towards custom aluminium boat trailer
Wanganui Rugby Football Union	\$24,192.61	Towards salaries
Hospice Whanganui	\$15,000.00	Towards salary
Aramoho Wanganui Rowing Club	\$25,000.00	Towards salary
Wanganui Tech Cricket Club	\$2,000.00	Towards playing uniforms
Alzheimer's Whanganui	\$6,000.00	Towards salaries
Hockey Wanganui	\$33,000.00	Towards salaries
Cancer Society of NZ Wanganui Rangitikei Waimarino Centre	\$5,000.00	Towards therapeutic massage for cancer patients
Wanganui United Cricket Club	\$11,773.00	Towards cricket balls, ground rental and salary
Marist Football Club	\$700.00	Towards playing uniforms
Wanganui Stock Car and Speedway Club	\$10,000.00	Towards medical services for speedway meetings, radios and headsets
Wanganui Motorcycle Club	\$50,000.00	Towards airfence and plastic barriers to support air fence
Wanganui Squash Rackets Club	\$65,000.00	Towards men's and women's changing room, toilet and shower facilities and water heating system

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$938,870.59</b>	
Manawatu Cricket Association Inc	\$40,000.00	Towards grounds preparation and costs, salaries and Summer Squad Programme
Wanganui Rowing Association Inc	\$5,000.00	Towards LED screen hire and electrical work
Hockey Manawatu Inc	\$70,000.00	Towards salaries
Netball Manawatu Centre Inc	\$85,000.00	Towards salaries
Manawatu Cricket Association Inc	\$40,000.00	Towards salaries
Whanganui Football Incorporated	\$6,500.00	Towards ground rental, uniforms and van hire for away games
Central Region Rowing Development Trust	\$70,000.00	Towards single, double and quad boats, equipment, accommodation and transport
Feilding Industrial Agricultural & Pastoral Assn Inc	\$1,800.00	Towards the hire of Manfeild Park
Christian Social Services Wanganui	\$10,000.00	Towards salary
Horowhenua Sports Turf Trust	\$5,500.00	Towards lighting design for upgrade to floodlighting
Lower North Island Secondary Netball Inc	\$10,000.00	Towards accommodation for umpires and officials
Wanganui Cricket Association Inc	\$38,900.00	Towards travel and accommodation, umpires fees, cricket balls and training equipment
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$382,700</b>	



## Appendix 3: NZCT national grants

Between 1 October 2016 and 30 September 2017, NZCT approved 147 national grants to the value of \$6,077,320.46.

Organisation	Amount	Purpose
N Z Canoe Polo Assn	\$3,860.00	Towards pool hire
Swimming NZ	\$100,000.00	Towards salaries
Yachting NZ	\$30,000.00	Towards accommodation
N Z Federation of Multicultural Councils	\$10,000.00	Towards costs associated with hosting the New Zealand Communities Football Cup 2016
Touch NZ	\$125,000.00	Towards salaries
Snow Sports NZ	\$50,000.00	Towards accommodation, travel and salaries
CanTeen NZ	\$30,000.00	Towards salaries
Outward Bound Trust of NZ	\$40,000.00	Towards course fees
Ronald McDonald House Charities NZ Trust	\$25,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Softball Association	\$87,000.00	Towards salaries
N Z Football	\$25,000.00	Towards salaries
NZ Rugby League	\$50,000.00	Towards salaries
NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council	\$25,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Marist Rugby Football Federation	\$18,000.00	Towards costs associated with Heartland XV match in Auckland
Racketlon New Zealand	\$2,900.00	Towards purchase of sports equipment
Choirs Aotearoa NZ Trust	\$50,000.00	Towards salary
StarJam Charitable Trust	\$7,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Water Polo Association	\$14,000.00	Towards accommodation
Hockey NZ	\$60,000.00	Towards various costs associated with amateur international hockey Trans-Tasman Test series
Gillies McIndoe Research Institute	\$172,140.00	Towards lease of GMRI premises
NZ Masters Billiards and Snooker Association	\$4,000.00	Towards installation of five full-size billiard tables for 2016 Rotorua Masters Championships
Volleyball NZ	\$63,000.00	Towards venue hire for North Island Junior Secondary Schools Volleyball Championships
Triathlon New Zealand Inc	\$110,000.00	Towards salaries
Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Education Trust	\$75,000.00	Towards salary
New Zealand Festival	\$216,000.00	Towards salaries
Underwater Hockey NZ	\$2,000.00	Towards purchase of underwater hockey goal bins

Camp Quality New Zealand	\$15,000.00	Towards salary
Heart Kids New Zealand	\$5,000.00	Towards travel, accommodation, t-shirts, craft supplies and manuals for Camp Teen Beat
Netball NZ	\$290,000.00	Towards salaries
Canoe Slalom NZ	\$25,000.00	Towards fee for Head Coach and water hire costs
NZ Recreation Association	\$25,000.00	Towards water safety skills programme
New Zealand Handball Federation	\$2,000.00	Towards court hire for National Secondary Schools National Championships
Cycling New Zealand	\$100,000.00	Towards salaries
Boccia NZ	\$3,000.00	Towards salary
Environmental White Water Park Trust	\$15,000.00	Towards event management costs
Parkinsonism Society of NZ	\$10,000.00	Towards salary
Floorball NZ	\$3,000.00	Towards playing uniforms for women's team
Chamber Music New Zealand Trust Board	\$150,000.00	Towards salaries
NZ Squash	\$23,134.00	Towards contract fee and polo shirts for CoachForce Programme and accommodation, venue hire and coach conference fee for Squash NZ National Coaching Conference
Surfing NZ	\$50,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Softball Association	\$87,318.00	Towards salaries
NZ Croquet Council	\$15,000.00	Towards salary
Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand)	\$35,000.00	Towards operational costs of 2017 Waka Ama National Sprint Championships
New Zealand Hansa Class Association	\$9,800.00	Towards purchase of a Hansa Liberty boat
Athletics NZ	\$160,000.00	Towards salaries and event costs
Life Flight Trust	\$125,000.00	Towards operating costs of Fixed Wing Air Ambulance services
NZ Marist Rugby Football Federation	\$12,000.00	Towards costs of NZ Marist Women's Rugby Sevens Tournament
N Z Football	\$75,000.00	Towards salaries
Maori Basketball New Zealand	\$20,000.00	Towards venue hire for Annual National Maori Basketball Tournament
Equestrian Sports New Zealand - Operational	\$20,000.00	Towards salaries
Wheelchair Basketball NZ	\$20,000.00	Towards contract fee
International Tae Kwon Do Foundation of NZ	\$6,300.00	Towards event costs
Basketball NZ	\$125,000.00	Towards contract fees
CanTeen NZ	\$15,000.00	Towards salaries
Child Cancer Foundation	\$10,000.00	Towards salaries
Amputees Federation of NZ	\$1,044.00	Towards van hire and activities
New Zealand Spinal Trust	\$35,000.00	Towards salaries

Get Kids Active Charitable Trust	\$10,000.00	Towards operating costs for junior tough guy and gal challenge
Scout Association of NZ	\$50,000.00	Towards salaries
Aotearoa Maori Golf Assn	\$12,500.00	Towards course hire
New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association	\$15,000.00	Towards salary and other costs
New Zealand Tag Football	\$10,000.00	Towards operating costs for Tag National Championships
Project Litefoot Trust	\$75,406.00	Towards salaries
Motorsport NZ	\$20,000.00	Towards lease of Rallysafe Tracking and Safety System
Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ Trust	\$2,500.00	Towards office rental
NZ Shooting Federation	\$15,000.00	Towards salary
New Zealand Wheelchair Tennis	\$3,000.00	Towards Administration & Financial Services costs
Yachting NZ	\$150,000.00	Towards salaries
NZ Academy of Highland & National Dancing	\$1,000.00	Towards venue hire
Gymsports NZ	\$200,000.00	Towards salaries
Surf Life Saving NZ	\$37,500.00	Towards salaries
Royal NZ Ballet	\$60,000.00	Towards costs associated with touring three shows
Outward Bound Trust of NZ	\$35,000.00	Towards scholarships
NZ Ice Figure Skating Association	\$2,000.00	Towards ice hire
Olympic Weightlifting NZ	\$10,000.00	Towards salary
New Zealand Festival	\$20,000.00	Towards salary
Volleyball NZ	\$97,000.00	Towards costs associated with hosting the NZ Secondary Schools Championships
NZ Choral Federation	\$9,000.00	Towards venue hire and audio visual costs
NZ Water Polo Association	\$86,000.00	Towards salaries
Equestrian Sports New Zealand Inc - Operational	\$15,000.00	Towards costs for NRM National Three Day Event Championships
NZ Softball Association	\$87,318.00	Towards salaries
Motorcycling New Zealand	\$5,000.00	Towards salaries
National Heart Foundation of NZ	\$12,000.00	Towards salaries
NZ National Maritime Museum Trust Board	\$5,000.00	Towards upgrade of Crows Nest Education Centre
Traditional Irish Dancing Association of New Zealand	\$1,000.00	Towards costs for National Championships in Lower Hutt
Holocaust Centre of New Zealand	\$20,000.00	Towards IT equipment and salary
Tenpin Bowling New Zealand	\$2,000.00	Towards technical measuring equipment

Netball NZ	\$110,000.00	Towards salaries
NZ Opera Ltd	\$15,000.00	Towards venue hire
Camp Quality New Zealand	\$5,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Federation of Roller Sports	\$9,491.00	Towards various costs associated with NZ Roller Sports Artistic Championships
NZ Mounted Games Association	\$930.00	Towards coaching
NZ Deaf Rugby Football Union	\$5,000.00	Towards various event costs
Special Olympics NZ	\$250,000.00	Towards salaries
Indoor Cricket New Zealand	\$5,000.00	Towards indoor cricket balls
New Zealand Women's Lacrosse Association	\$2,000.00	Towards uniforms
N Z Portrait Gallery Trust	\$8,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council	\$50,000.00	Towards salary
New Zealand Rugby Union	\$28,557.73	Towards various event costs
NZ Darts Council	\$17,000.00	Towards various costs associated with NZ Darts Council Championships
Barnardo's NZ	\$10,000.00	Towards salary of Social Worker GR \$5,000.00 (fs)
New Zealand Archive of Film Television and Sound Nga Taonga	\$1,778.44	Towards costs to deliver a film presentation
New Zealand Deaf Football	\$2,346.80	Towards playing uniforms and equipment
New Zealand String Quartet Trust	\$5,000.00	Towards salary
New Zealand Indian Central Association	\$20,000.00	Towards manufacture and production of exhibits
Māoriland Charitable Trust	\$40,000.00	Towards new roof for Maoriland Hub
Ice Speed Skating NZ	\$2,475.00	Towards venue hire cost
NZ Rivers Association	\$5,000.00	Towards uniforms and equipment
Malaghan Institute of Medical Research	\$12,325.00	Towards equipment
Winter Games NZ Trust	\$22,828.20	Towards costs associated with the amateur para-snow sports
NZ Rugby League	\$50,000.00	Towards various costs and salary
Independence Games Trust Board	\$20,000.00	Towards costs of attending Halberg Junior Disability Games
NZ Riding for the Disabled Association	\$40,000.00	Towards salaries
Cystic Fibrosis Association of NZ	\$4,050.00	Towards PARI eFlow Rapid Nebulisers
Hockey NZ	\$140,000.00	Towards costs of National Hockey Amateur League tournaments
First Foundation	\$152,000.00	Towards salary and scholarships
New Zealand Festival	\$49,657.20	Towards costs associated with the Petone Family Day
Graeme Dingle Foundation	\$60,000.00	Towards salaries
Canoe Racing NZ	\$75,000.00	Towards operating costs for events
Louise Perkins Foundation	\$5,000.00	Towards salary

Amputee Golf NZ	\$2,130.00	Towards course hire for National Amputee & Disability golf open
StarJam Charitable Trust	\$2,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Marist Rugby Football Federation	\$11,502.00	Towards bus travel in Waikato/BOP region for NZ Marist Colts annual tour
NZ Indoor Bowls	\$15,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Wheelchair Rugby Association	\$10,000.00	Towards travel and accommodation costs associated with hosting the IWRF 2017 Asia Oceania Wheelchair Rugby Championship
New Zealand Festival	\$14,000.00	Towards salary
NZ Dance Festival Trust	\$3,500.00	Towards contract for Technical Production Manager
NZ Softball Association	\$40,294.00	Towards salaries
Look Good Feel Better NZ	\$8,000.00	Towards salaries
Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind	\$5,000.00	Towards digital talking books
Basketball NZ	\$25,000.00	Towards costs of 2017 Secondary Schools Nationals
NZ Cricket	\$100,000.00	Towards salaries
Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand)	\$15,600.00	Towards contract for Administrator role
Environmental White Water Park Trust	\$14,914.57	Towards costs of WhitewaterXL 2017
BMX New Zealand	\$7,500.00	Towards salary
Motorcycling New Zealand	\$5,000.00	Towards salaries
Bowls NZ	\$180,000.00	Towards salaries and operating costs
NZ Rowing Association	\$50,000.00	Towards salaries
Paralympics New Zealand	\$120,000.00	Towards salaries
Halberg Disability Sport Foundation	\$60,000.00	Towards salaries
Asthma New Zealand - The Lung Association	\$15,744.00	Towards salaries
Badminton New Zealand	\$30,000.00	Towards salaries
Blind Sport New Zealand	\$10,000.00	Towards salary
Brass Bands Association of NZ	\$1,500.00	Towards bus charter to attend National Secondary Schools Brass Band 2017
Recreate NZ	\$5,476.52	Towards camp costs and salary
Footnote Dance Trust Board	\$1,000.00	Towards van hire for Contrast tour
New Zealand Golf	\$150,000.00	Towards salaries
N Z Canoe Polo Assn	\$3,860.00	Towards pool hire
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,077,320.46</b>	

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Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
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Age group	50 - 59 years
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Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	

closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).	Agree
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b></p> <p>This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Disagree
<b>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</b>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b></p> <p>If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b></p> <p>This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b></p> <p>This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No





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Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
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Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Neither agree nor disagree
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closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
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<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
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<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
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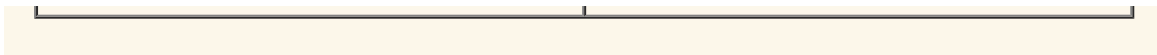
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# The Class 4 Working Party's Submission on Whanganui District Council's Gambling Venue Policy



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### Introduction

1. The Class 4 Working Party is an association that represents the vast majority of the gaming machine societies that operate in New Zealand. Clubs and venue operators are also represented by the Working Party, via the membership of Clubs New Zealand, The Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association, and Hospitality New Zealand. The Working Party wishes to provide council with pertinent information regarding gaming machine gambling to help council to make a balanced, evidence-based decision.

### Summary

2. The Working Party asks council to:
  - Replace the sinking lid with a cap at current numbers – 15 venues and 225 gaming machines (option 3); and
  - Adopt a relocation policy (option A), but expand the relocation provision to enable venues to move to new, modern premises and move if the current landlord is imposing unreasonable terms.

### Gaming Machine Funding

3. 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. Approximately \$300 million<sup>1</sup> in grants are made each year from non-casino gaming machines. In addition to the external grants, clubs such as RSAs and Workingmen's Clubs receive approximately \$50 million each year in gaming proceeds to assist with meeting the clubs' operating costs. This funding is crucial.
4. The total authorised purpose funding (including the non-published club authorised purpose payments) received from Whanganui-based venues is over \$6.26 million annually. Examples of recent grants include:

\$50,000 to the Philips Search and Rescue Trust towards operating costs.



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gamblinglaw.co.nz/download/Gambits/DIA-Class-4-Sector-Report-2017.pdf>

\$20,000 to Wanganui Riding for the Disabled towards annual salary costs for the head coach/manager.



\$38,000 to Whanganui Kindergarten Association towards the construction of an early learning centre.



\$10,000 to Wanganui Rugby Football Union towards the cost of travel, security and medical support for competitions.



\$6,000 to Hockey Wanganui for tournament travel costs.



\$15,000 to Hospice Whanganui for operational expenses.



- The total grants amount quoted by the Problem Gambling Foundation is less than the \$6.26m stated above, as the Problem Gambling Foundation’s data is gathered from society websites, and not all societies publish their authorise purpose payments. The funds applied and distributed by club societies for example, are not published. 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.

Revenue Breakdown

- 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**

	<b>GST Inclusive</b>	<b>GST Exclusive</b>
Government Duty	20%	23%
GST	13.04%	0
Problem Gambling Levy	1.31%	1.5%
DIA Costs	2.2%	2.5%
Gaming Machine Depreciation	9.27%	10.6%
Repairs & Maintenance	2.6%	3.0%
Venue Costs	13.9%	16%
Society Costs	2.03%	2.4%
Donations	35.65%	41%

Gaming Machines – Key Facts

- 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 29 years ago.
- Gambling is a popular form of entertainment that most New Zealanders participate in. The 2014 National Gambling Study<sup>2</sup> found that 80% of adult New Zealanders had participated in some form of gambling in the previous 12 months.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/national\\_gambling\\_study\\_report\\_1.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/national_gambling_study_report_1.pdf)

9. Gaming machine numbers are in natural decline. In 2003, New Zealand had 25,221 gaming machines. In June 2017, New Zealand had 15,858 gaming machines. In 2003, the Whanganui District had 35 gaming venues and 391 machines. The Whanganui District currently has 12 gaming venues and 225 operational machines.
10. New Zealand has a very low problem gambling rate by international standards. The New Zealand National Gambling Study: Wave 2 (2013)<sup>3</sup> found the problem gambling rate was 0.5% of people aged 18 years and over (Problem Gambling Severity Index screen). This amounts to approximately 16,000 people. The problem gambling rate is for all forms of gambling, not just gaming machine gambling.
11. All gaming machine societies contribute to a problem gambling fund. This fund provides approximately \$18,500,000 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.
12. 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 available in 40 different languages. Free face-to-face counselling is also available and specialist counselling is available for Maori, Pacifica 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

13. A sinking lid policy is not necessary given the significant measures that are already in place to minimise the harm from gaming machines.
14. 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.
15. There is a statutory age limit that prohibits persons under 18 years of age playing gaming machines.
16. 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.
17. 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

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/report-national-gambling-study-12-month-final-23-10-15.pdf>

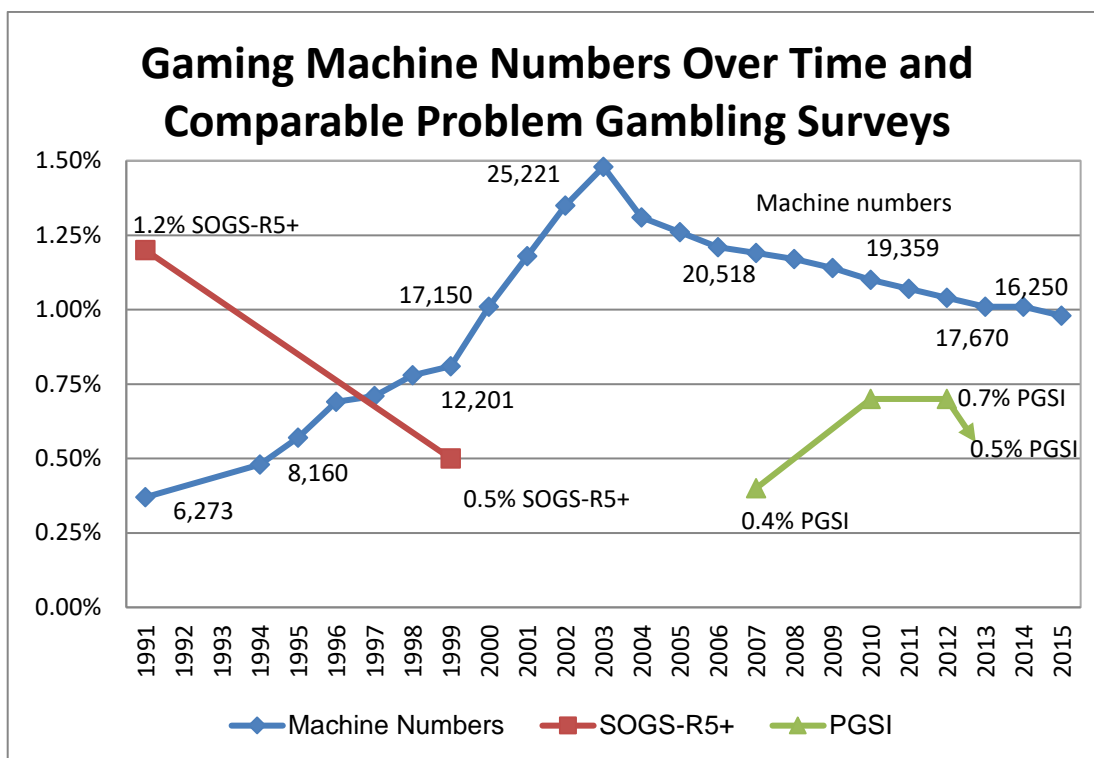
session, the amount spent and the amount won or lost. A message is then displayed asking the player whether they wish to continue with their session or collect their credits.

18. Gaming machines in New Zealand do not accept banknotes above \$20 in denomination.
19. ATMs are excluded from all gaming rooms.
20. All gaming venues have a harm minimisation policy.
21. All gaming venues have pamphlets that provide information about the characteristics of problem gambling and how to seek advice for problem gambling.
22. 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.
23. All gaming venue staff are required to have undertaken comprehensive problem gambling awareness and intervention training.
24. Any person who advises that they have a problem with their gambling is required to be excluded from the venue.
25. It is not permissible for a player to play two gaming machines at once.
26. All gaming machines have a clock on the main screen. All gaming machines display the odds of winning.
27. 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).
28. It is not permissible to use the word "jackpot" or any similar word in advertising that is visible from outside a venue.

### A Cap at Current Numbers is Reasonable

29. A cap at current numbers is reasonable, given the current environment of high regulation and naturally reducing machine numbers.
30. There is no direct correlation between gaming machine numbers and problem gambling rates. The graph below details the machine numbers over time and the problem gambling rate. Between 1991 and 1999 the problem gambling rate declined considerably despite gaming machine numbers doubling and gaming machine expenditure trebling. Between 2006 and 2010 the problem gambling rate increased, despite the number of gaming machines in New Zealand falling considerably in the same period. Between 2010 and 2012 the problem gambling rate stayed the same, despite a continual decline in gaming machine numbers. When viewed as a whole, the survey results confirm that there is no direct correlation between gaming machine numbers and problem gambling rates. The reasons for an increase or decrease in problem gambling are complex and multi-faceted,

not simply the direct by-product of an increase or decrease in machine numbers.



31. The 2012 National Gambling Survey<sup>4</sup> 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 and made widely available, over time individual and environmental adaptations occur that lead to problem reduction.

32. 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:

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/national\\_gambling\\_study\\_report\\_2.pdf](http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/national_gambling_study_report_2.pdf)



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).

33. The current sinking lid policy is unlikely to reduce problem gambling, but will, over time, reduce the amount of funding available to Whanganui-based community groups. 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.

### Unintended Consequences – Increase in Internet and Mobile Phone Gambling

34. 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 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.



35. 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.
36. Offshore-based online gambling, however, 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;
  - 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.
37. If a reduction in gaming machines only redirects gamblers to offshore-based internet gambling, there is no harm minimisation advantage in that strategy. In addition, there are further disadvantages in the fact that no community funding is generated for New Zealanders, no tax revenue is generated for the New Zealand Government and no contributions are made via the New Zealand problem gambling levy.

### The Introduction of a Relocation Provision is Supported

38. The introduction of a relocation policy is supported.
39. 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.
40. Enabling relocation permits venues to re-establish after a natural disaster or fire.
41. It is submitted however, that the relocation provision should be expanded beyond lease expiry, natural disaster, fire, public works acquisition and site redevelopment.
42. The relocation policy should expressly enable relocation when a venue wishes to move out of an earthquake-prone building. This is a health and safety issue.
43. The relocation policy should be flexible enough to support businesses that wish 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.

44. 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

45. Enabling venues to move away from large premises, with large car parking areas, to newer, smaller premises also has the advantage of freeing up large sections of land, which may be better used for affordable high-density housing.
46. The proposed relocation provision permits relocation when a lease expires. It would be reasonable to also allow venues to relocate when the move is due to onerous rental sums or lease terms being imposed. 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 more flexible relocation prevents landlords demanding unreasonable rentals as it gives the venue operator the ability to relocate to an alternative venue.

### Conclusion

47. It is acknowledged that Council needs to strike a balance between the costs and benefits of gaming machine gambling. It is accepted that a small percentage of people (0.5% of people aged 18 years and over) have a problem with their gambling (all forms of gambling). However, for the vast majority of people, casual expenditure on gaming machines is a form of entertainment that they participate in and enjoy, without any harm being caused. Gaming machines also provide a considerable amount of community funding (over \$6.26 million annually) to local community groups and clubs.
48. Gaming machine numbers are in natural decline, and gaming machine participation is reducing. However, the harm minimisation measures that are now in place have never been higher. In light of the new regulations now in place, a cap at current numbers (225 machines) is entirely appropriate. The continuation of a more restrictive policy is unlikely to reduce problem gambling, but will inevitably reduce local community funding opportunities and may encourage people to seek out other forms of gambling, including offshore-based internet and mobile phone-based gambling. This form of gambling is very

harmful and provides no return to the local community and no contribution to employment, taxation and health services in New Zealand.

49. Council is asked to adopt a relocation provision, which enables operators to move out of earthquake-prone buildings, to move from rundown premises to new, modern, premises, and to move if their landlord imposes unreasonable lease terms.
50. Jarrod True, on behalf of the Class 4 Working Party, would like to make a presentation at the upcoming oral hearing.

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Further comments	Gambling is an activity of 'entitlement' in our country, very much tied in with 'poverty and the hope for a better future', along with the idea 'self medication relieves the pain of survival'. I support the Council's current

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Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes

**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:07:05 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	820101207171930
First name	Glenn
Last name	Bibby
Email address	
Postal address	18 POUTINI STREET WHANGANUI EAST WHANGANUI 4500
Daytime phone number	
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	

closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly agree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly agree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b>  This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	
<p>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</p>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy).  This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b>  If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>No</p>





**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [shoninrich@gmail.com](mailto:shoninrich@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:10:04 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	049101210171930
First name	Shontelle
Last name	Crosby
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Postal address	25 KEITH STREET WHANGANUI 4500
Daytime phone number	022 4116700
Organisation name	Grace Foundation
Your role	Servant
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	

closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly agree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly agree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b></p> <p>This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Strongly agree
<b>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</b>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b></p> <p>If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b></p> <p>This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b></p> <p>This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
Further comments	Get rid of them all.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:12:58 p.m.

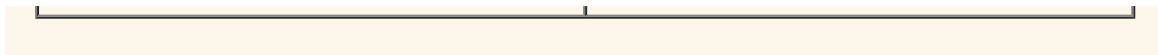


Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	490101213171230
First name	Shirena
Last name	Te Tau
Email address	
Postal address	15 HAKEKE STREET WHANGANUI EAST WHANGANUI 4500
Daytime phone number	020 40211108
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	Female
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	Maori
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b>	

<p>This would mean if a class 4 venue closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.</p>	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.</p>	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	
<p>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</p>	
<p><b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.</p>	
<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</p>	
<p>Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</p>	

<p><b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Neither agree nor disagree
STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Agree
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No





**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:17:21 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	475101217173530
First name	Helen
Last name	Brown
Email address	
Postal address	42 RIMU STREET GONVILLE WHANGANUI 4501
Daytime phone number	
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Female
Age group	60 years and over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly disagree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	

closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b>  This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</p>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy).  This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b>  If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>We do not need any pokies in this area. There are a lot of family that can't afford to feed themselves let alone gamble. That is the last on the list.</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>

I would like to speak in support of my  
submission

No

**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [maddynewton@hotmail.com](mailto:maddynewton@hotmail.com)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:23:36 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	155101223175130
First name	Madalyn
Last name	Newton`
Email address	maddynewton@hotmail.com
Postal address	39 SEAFRONT ROAD CASTLECLIFF WHANGANUI 4501
Daytime phone number	
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	

closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly disagree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b>  This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	
<p>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</p>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy).  This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b>  If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>What a hedious survey that may not help bring funds to Gonville &amp; Castlecliff or our gambling issues there.</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>

I would like to speak in support of my submission
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No
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**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [gtichbon@teorahou.org.nz](mailto:gtichbon@teorahou.org.nz)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:26:30 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	690101226174430
First name	Greg
Last name	Tichbon
Email address	gtichbon@teorahou.org.nz
Postal address	30 totara
Daytime phone number	
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	No
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue closed, it could be replaced but the	Strongly disagree

total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<p><b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.</p>	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.</p>	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<p><b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b> This would mean Council could grant</p>	

consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).	
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	Strongly agree
<b>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</b>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	Strongly agree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	Strongly disagree
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	
Further comments	
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [theonlytrueantichrist@gmail.com](mailto:theonlytrueantichrist@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:33:02 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	343101233171730
First name	Blake
Last name	Johnston
Email address	theonlytrueantichrist@gmail.com
Postal address	18 POUTINI STREET WHANGANUI EAST WHANGANUI 4500
Daytime phone number	
Organisation name	Grace Foundation
Your role	Not stated
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	

closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly disagree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Strongly agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b> This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</p>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy). This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b> If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	<p>Strongly disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>Whatever we can do to reduce the number of gaming machines, the better.</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my</p>	

submission	No
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**From:** Whanganui District Council  
**To:** [jay315g@gmail.com](mailto:jay315g@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Gambling  
**Date:** Monday, 30 October 2017 12:37:18 p.m.



Thank you for your submission.

Reference number	965101237173230
First name	JaY
Last name	-
Email address	jay315g@gmail.com
Postal address	35 SWISS AVENUE GONVILLE WHANGANUI 4501
Daytime phone number	021 75761
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
<b>CLASS 4 VENUES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further Class 4 gambling venues will be established or replaced.	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 venues.</b> This would mean if a class 4 venue	



closed, it could be replaced but the total amount of class 4 venues in the district would not exceed 15.	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues.</b> This would mean new class 4 venues could be established.	Strongly agree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 venues, but include restrictions on location.</b> This would mean class 4 venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), other class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.	Strongly agree
<b>CLASS 4 GAMING MACHINES</b>	
<b>Sinking lid (proposed policy).</b> This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and no further class 4 gaming machines (pokies) will be established or replaced.	Agree
<b>Support a CAP on class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would mean the total amount of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) would be limited to a total of 225.	Strongly disagree
<b>Allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).</b> This would allow for an increase of class 4 gaming machines (pokies) beyond the district's current total of 225.	Disagree
<b>MERGER OF TWO OR MORE EXISTING CLUBS</b>	
Permits Council to provide consent when two or more clubs merge as long as the new venue does not exceed two-thirds of the combined original total of class 4 gaming machines (pokies).	Strongly agree
<b>RELOCATION OF CLASS 4 VENUE</b>	
<b>Option A: Permit Relocation.</b>	

<p>This would mean Council could grant consent based on the conditions set under sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the proposed policy (pp. 8- 9).</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Option B: No Relocation.</b>  This would mean Council will not grant consent for an existing class 4 venue to relocate based on the conditions set under sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the proposed policy (pg. 9). If a class 4 venue closes, the gambling machines at that venue cannot be relocated to another venue, reducing the total number of venues and gaming machines.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>STANDALONE "TAB" VENUE</p>	
<p><b>No more than one standalone TAB permitted</b> (proposed policy).  This would mean Council continues its pre-existing policy and allows only one standalone TAB venue.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p><b>Sinking lid.</b>  If the current standalone TAB venue closes, another one will not replace it.</p>	
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established.</p>	<p>Disagree</p>
<p><b>Allow for an increase of standalone TAB venues, but include restrictions on location.</b>  This would mean standalone TAB venues could be established, but not in close proximity to sensitive sites (such as schools and places of worship), class 4 venues, and not within areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation.</p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p>Further comments</p>	<p>Help...Help...Me...Me</p>
<p>Supporting documents</p>	<p>File(s) not provided</p>
<p>I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p>No</p>





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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Whanganui is a special part of New Zealand centred around the connections of the mana whenua and the community to the awa. Adding to Whanganui's appeal, the Council has put the well-being of Whanganui individuals, families and communities first by implementing a "sinking lid" policy in 2014. PGF commends the Council for the current policy and the work they do to minimise gambling harm. Our position is that the "sinking lid" policy should be maintained and strengthened.

Electronic gambling machines (pokies) are not a harmless product that a few "weak willed" individuals need help with. They are the major cause of gambling harm in New Zealand, and in Whanganui. These machines are designed to addict and are doing significant harm, which is why 2 in 5 regular gambling machine users develop a problem at some point. The 2.5% of our population experiencing direct—and often severe—harm from gambling is just the tip of the iceberg.

Over \$10.06 million dollars was lost to pokie machines in the last year in the Whanganui District. A disproportionate amount of that lost money was from those with gambling problems.

Each person with a gambling problem affects about 5-10 others. This means as many as 500,000 people are affected by the significant economic, health, personal, and social costs that gambling problems cause in New Zealand. The harms caused by gambling problems extend beyond individuals, affecting their families, friends, workmates, businesses and our community. Some children in Whanganui are heading to school without lunches and are missing out on the basics in life, leading to less social cohesion.

It isn't just the poor who lose out. A study of gambling machines in Christchurch suggested that gambling machines in the region resulted in lost economic output of \$13 million, lost household income of \$8 million, and lost employment for 630 full-time equivalents.

How do we begin making changes? We know that gambling machines are the major cause of gambling harm in New Zealand and have been identified as the main gambling mode of problem gambling clients seeking help. We know that a significant amount of the money lost in gambling machines—about 40-60%—is lost at the expense of people with gambling problems. We know these machines are concentrated in low-income areas.

Whanganui District Council has made a positive first step with a "sinking lid" policy. "Sinking lid" policies help reduce gambling machine venue numbers over time, reducing availability and accessibility to gambling machines, and therefore reducing gambling harm. Eighteen Councils around New Zealand have taken the lead and introduced "sinking lid" policies, backed by majority public opinions that these machines are socially undesirable and that there should be fewer of them. Thank you Whanganui District Council for being leaders in addressing gambling harm.

A "sinking lid" policy is a modest policy that only prevents new venues being allowed gambling machines. The strongest sinking lid policies state that when venues close those machines can't

be re-allocated elsewhere. We recommend that Whanganui District Council strengthens their policy by prohibiting relocation and club mergers entirely in Clauses 4 and 5. In the absence of policies that give communities and Councils more power (such as being able to remove existing licences from poor or deprived communities), “sinking lid” policies are the best policies that Councils can introduce to minimise gambling harm in their local area.

The current “sinking lid” policy of the Whanganui District Council is also a valuable way to address disparities in the region. Māori are 21.3% of the population of the region and it is known that Māori are nationally more likely to experience problem and harmful gambling. The median income for Māori in Whanganui is \$19,000 per annum. That is \$365 per week where the median rental is \$180 per week. That leaves \$185 for food, power, petrol, doctor, clothes etc. We know there are larger numbers of pokie machines in the poorest areas of New Zealand and this is also true in Whanganui. We know the machines exploit the hopes of people with few resources to draw from. Reducing the numbers of machines in Whanganui will ensure that even scarce resources be spent on productive activity in Whanganui.

It’s also important to remember that just 18% of adults use pub/club gambling machines over a given year. And even fewer people (1.7%) use them on a weekly basis. The vast majority of adults (82%) never use gambling machines.

Reducing gambling related harm has proven to be an important topic of discussion across a number of Councils in recent months. Hamilton City Council made headlines in August for deciding to no longer apply for Class 4 funding. In September, Tauranga City Council found that over two thirds of surveyed residents want to decrease the number of pokie machines in Tauranga through a sinking lid policy. Dunedin City Council have been in the media this month about their discussions to adopt a “sinking lid” policy.

We’ve assembled the information that follows from a vast body of research. We have included information from government agencies, government-commissioned reports, and peer-reviewed journals so that you have the best body of evidence possible to inform your decision. We have also included some less formal local information that we think you will find valuable.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

## Recommendations

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- The Problem Gambling Foundation recommends that Whanganui District Council maintains a “sinking lid” policy: a district wide ban on any additional class 4 gambling venues or machines. A “sinking lid” policy would reduce the number of venues over time but would not affect existing venues or current community funding in the short term. A district-wide ban on any new venues or machines would reduce the harm caused by gambling, including the social and economic harm. A “sinking lid” is nation-leading and demonstrates the Council taking a stand for a healthier, brighter future for Whanganui—and especially our Whanganui children.
- The Whanganui District Council’s Policy Advisor Research & Engagement set up an online questionnaire for the public ahead of this policy’s consultation period. 84% of the participants do not want any more pokie machines in Whanganui. 53% of the participants support a “sinking lid.” The “sinking lid” received more than double the support of any other option in the questionnaire.

### ***A ban on relocations is preferred***

- Allowing venues to relocate will not lead to a reduction of venues, and therefore will not reduce harm from gambling in the way that a strong “sinking lid” policy would.
- 54% of the questionnaire participants do not support a relocation policy. This was an overwhelming response as the second most popular option was to support the currently policy, at 16%.

### ***A ban on any new venues and machines is preferable to a cap***

- A ban on any new venues and machines is preferable to a cap. It is possible that a cap on machine numbers or venues may result in a greater number of licensed venues and machines being located in poorer communities (i.e. venues shift from more prosperous localities, suburbs and town centres).

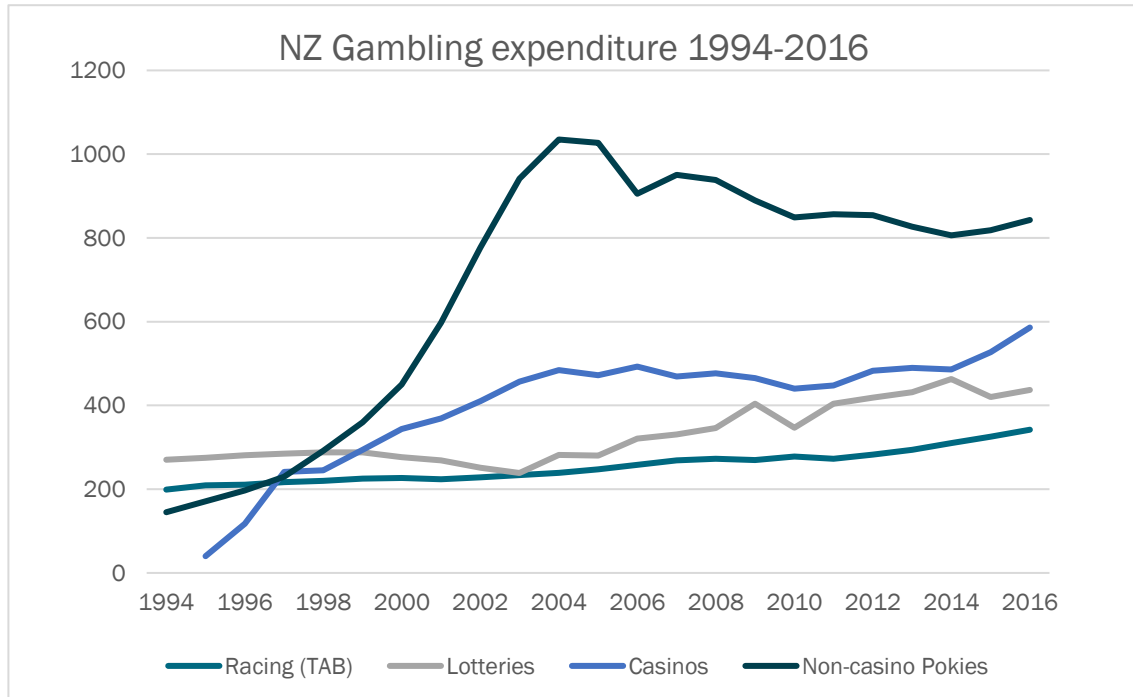
### ***Restricting the number of venues is even more crucial than the numbers of machines***

- It is likely that when gambling venues are widely dispersed throughout the community, they pose a bigger hazard for problem gambling than when they are concentrated in a few locations.
- Additionally, the restriction of venues is appropriate in Whanganui because there are already a number of accessible machines in the area. Australian research has argued that in this case, venue caps are more effective than machine caps in moderating the accessibility drivers of problem gambling.



## CONTEXT AND SUMMARY OF LOCAL STATISTICS

- Gambling expenditure<sup>1</sup> has expanded rapidly in New Zealand during the last 20 years. Gambling expenditure nearly quadrupled from \$482 million in 1990 to \$2.091 billion in 2014.<sup>2</sup> Of that amount, nearly 40% is lost to non-casino gambling machines, making it the largest of the four main gambling sectors.

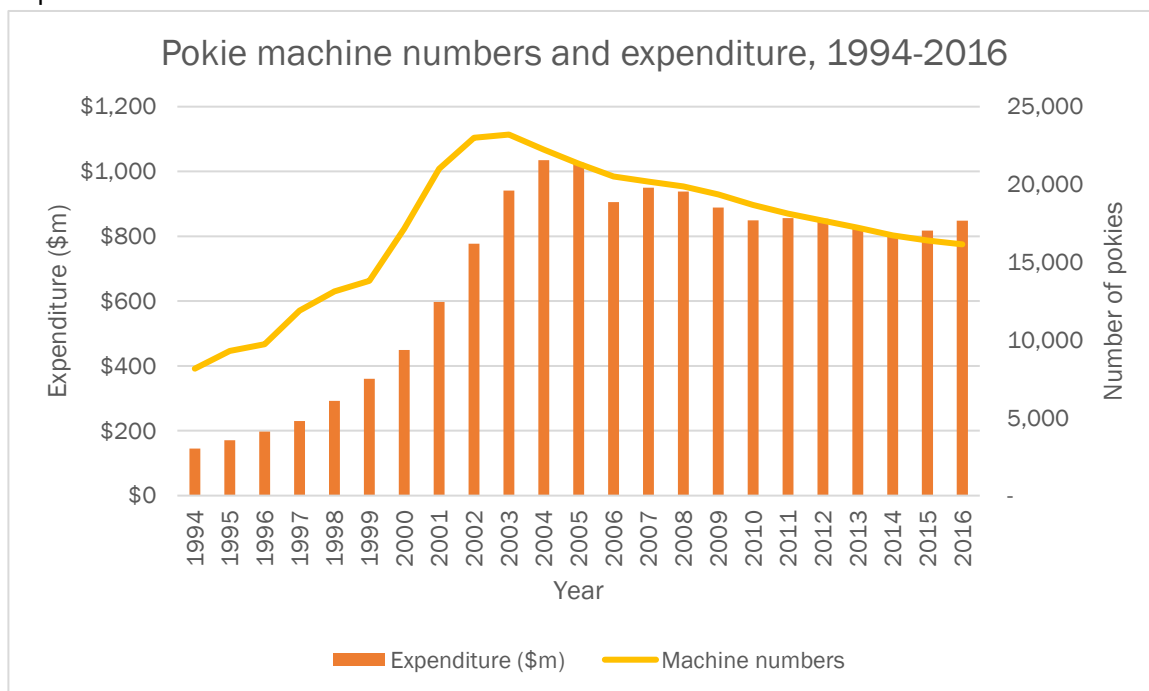


- In the 2015/16 financial year, total gambling expenditure for the four main sectors increased 2.6% from the previous year.

1 Expenditure and Gross Profit are interchangeable terms - they mean the gross amount wagered minus the amount paid out or credited as prizes or dividends. Expenditure is the amount lost or spent by users or the gross profit of the gambling operator.

2 Department of Internal Affairs. (2014). Gambling Expenditure Statistics. Retrieved 24 June 2015 from: [http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg\\_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Gambling-Expenditure-Statistics](http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Information-We-Provide-Gambling-Expenditure-Statistics)

- For the most part, however, a decrease in machines has led to a gradual decrease in expenditure.



- New Zealand lost \$869 million to non-casino gambling machines last year, or \$2.38 million a day.
- This is equivalent to about 56 million minimum wage hours.
- Whanganui lost over \$10 million to non-casino gambling machines in the last year, or approximately \$27,573 per day.
- Whanganui currently has a density of 1 machine per 188 people over 18.<sup>3</sup> In Whanganui, the average machine yielded approximately \$44,731.14 in the past year, meaning generally each machine makes over \$20,000 more than the average person living here (based on median income for people aged 15 years and over, \$23,600).

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<sup>3</sup> Calculated using DIA gambling expenditure statistics and Statistics NZ 2013 Census data.

- Estimates are that 2.5% of the adult population in New Zealand – one in 40 – are problem gamblers or moderate-risk gamblers<sup>4</sup> at any particular time.<sup>5</sup> Based on these estimates approximately 792 people in Whanganui could be problem or moderate risk gamblers.<sup>6</sup>
- There are also a significant number of people who are harmed by someone else's gambling. It is estimated that approximately 5-10 people are adversely affected to varying degrees by behaviour from a person experiencing problem gambling.<sup>7</sup> These informed estimates suggest that up to 7,924 people could be harmed by others' gambling in Whanganui.
- Over 74,000 people in New Zealand (2.4% of the adult population) would expect to have a better state of mental health if there was no gambling.<sup>8</sup> Of these, 69,500 would benefit from stopping gambling on gambling machines. In Whanganui, approximately 760 adults would have better mental health without the impacts of gambling.
- Submissions by the New Zealand Community Trust and other gambling machine trusts have attempted to down-play the number of local problem gamblers by reporting the number of people who have sought help for gambling within the Council area. There is a difference between the number of people with gambling problems and the number of

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4 The term "problem gambler" refers to someone who scores 8 or more on the Problem Gambling Severity Index, and is defined as "Problem gambling with negative consequences and a possible loss of control." The term "moderate-risk gambler" refers to someone who scores 3-7 on the PGSI, and is defined as "Moderate level of problems leading to some negative consequences". The two terms are often combined when reporting prevalence of problem gambling.

5 Based on the New Zealand 2012 National Gambling Study, which reports that "0.7% of adults (23,504 people) are current (past 12 months) problem gamblers experiencing significant problems, and a further 1.8% (60,440) are moderate-risk gamblers, experience some gambling-related harms and at risk for the development of more serious problems". Source: Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Garrett, N., & Mundy-McPherson, S. (2014). New Zealand 2012 National gambling study: Gambling harm and problem gambling. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

6 Adult population for this district was determined using 2013 census data and the NZ.Stat tool from Statistics New Zealand, found online at <http://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx>.

7 The 2006/2007 New Zealand Health Survey found that "almost 3% of people had experienced problems due to someone's gambling in the previous 12 months, and this is consistent with overseas studies that estimate that between 5 and 10 people are affected by behaviour of a serious problem gambler."

Ministry of Health. 2009. Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm: Consultation document. Six-year strategic plan; three-year service plan; problem gambling needs assessment; and problem gambling levy calculations. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

The Australian Productivity Commission estimated 5-10 people (average: 7.3) were impacted by problem gambling. Productivity Commission. (1999). Australia's Gambling Industries, Report No. 10, AusInfo, Canberra, Vol 1, p. 7.34

8 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE.

people who have sought help for those problems; it is a gap we are seeking to close, and it is not a gap any of us can ignore. Those who seek help are just the tip of the iceberg both in terms of those with problem gambling but also in terms of the wide impact that problem gambling has on the community. When organisations such as Ngā Tai O Te Awa and the Problem Gambling Foundation are active in the community the number of people receiving help for gambling problems rises, as does awareness of problem gambling as an important social issue.

- It is also worth mentioning that submissions by NZCT and other societies omit moderate-risk gamblers who are experiencing some harm. It benefits the gambling industry to frame problem gambling as a binary – you're wither a problem gambler or you're not. We know that problem gambling is not a binary, it is a spectrum.

## GAMBLING AND PROBLEM GAMBLING

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### Gambling Machines Are the Problem

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- About 18% of adults use pub/club gambling machines over a 12 month period.<sup>9</sup>
- This means that at any given time in New Zealand, there is a ratio of 35 possible gambling machine users to any 1 machine.
- This means the \$869 million that gambling machines took in the last year doesn't add up from many people putting in a few coins. This figure would require each gambling machine user to spend—and lose—an average of over \$1,511.<sup>10</sup>
- Even fewer people use gambling machines on a regular basis (1.7% weekly or more often). The vast majority of adults (82%) never use gambling machines.<sup>11</sup>
- Furthermore, the Council may find it helpful to know that the number of people who gamble on non-casino gambling machines is small compared to the number of people who find that form of gambling socially undesirable.<sup>12</sup>
- While 18% may not seem like a lot, this number means much bigger problems; there is a serious concern for the 18% of the population that uses non-casino gambling machines because of the risk involved with gambling machine use.<sup>13</sup>

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9 Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Garrett, N., & Mundy-McPherson, S. (2014). New Zealand 2012 National gambling study: Overview and gambling participation. Wellington: AUT.

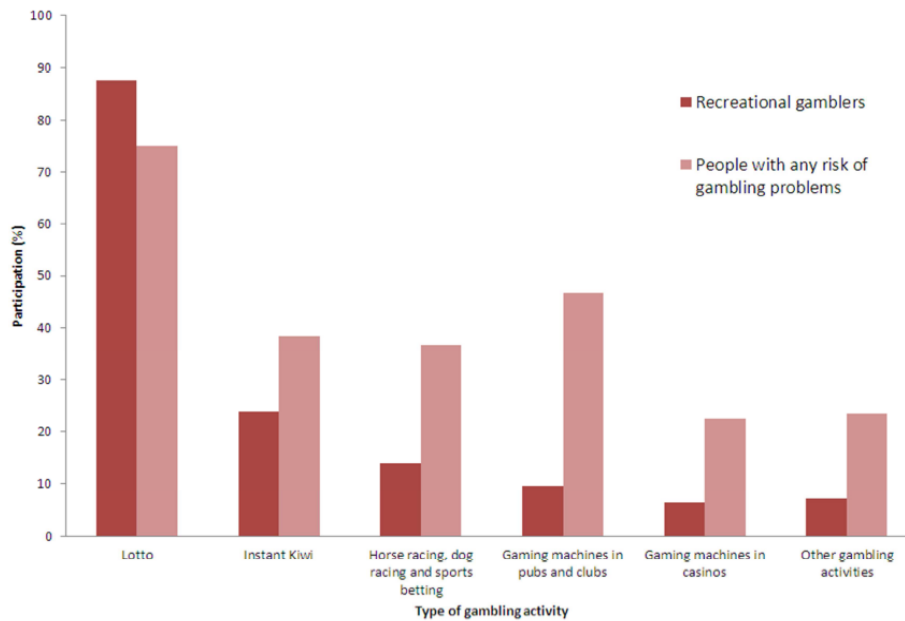
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13 Ministry of Health (2012). Problem Gambling in New Zealand: Preliminary Results from the New Zealand Health Survey. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/problem-gambling-new-zealand-preliminary-results-new-zealand-health-survey>

Proportion participating in various forms of gambling: recreational gamblers compared to gamblers at any risk of gambling problems



- Gambling machines are no ordinary commodity; it is estimated that:
  - 2 in 5 (40%) of regular gambling machine users (participates weekly or more) report experiencing a problem at some point.<sup>14</sup>
  - 1 in 5 (20%) of regular gambling machine users have current problems.<sup>15</sup>
- Pokies are the major cause of gambling harm in New Zealand (to individuals as well as the community). Non-casino gambling machines are the main gambling mode of problem gambling clients seeking help. They form the large majority of clients for the Problem Gambling Foundation and New Zealand’s other providers. In the most recently published Gambling Helpline report<sup>16</sup>:

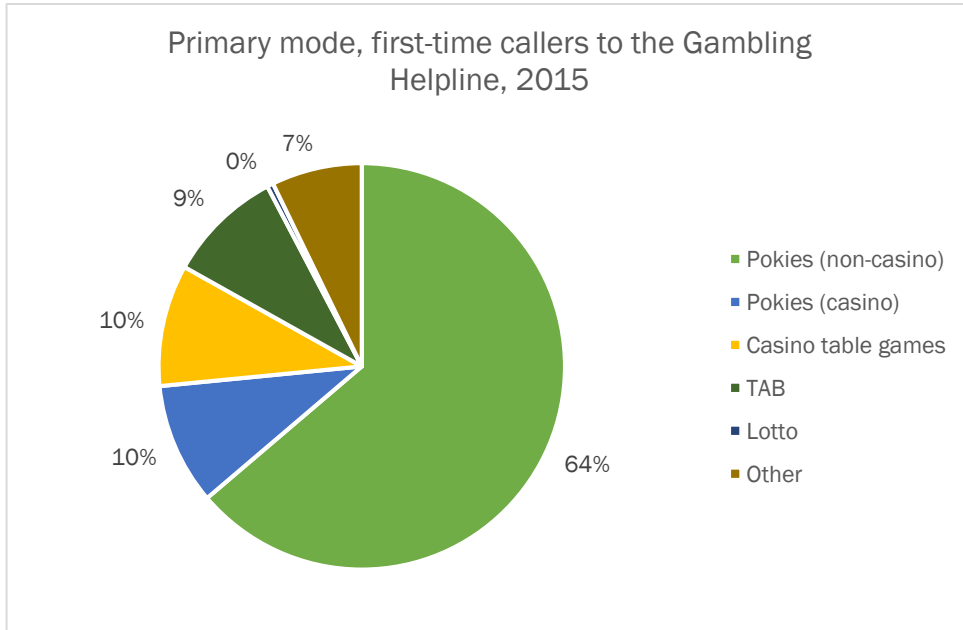
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14 Devlin, M. & Walton, D. (2012). The prevalence of problem gambling in New Zealand as measured by the PGSI: adjusting prevalence estimates using meta-analysis. *International Gambling Studies*, 10.1080/14459795.2011.653384. Retrieved 31-May 2012 from <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14459795.2011.653384>

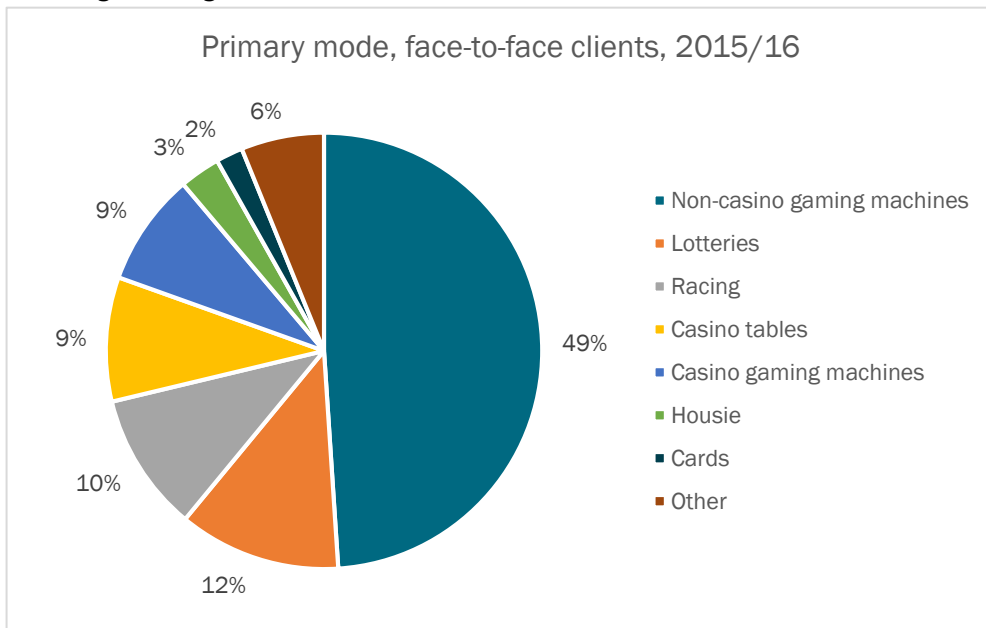
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16 Ministry of Health. (2015). Gambling Helpline report for national statistics to 30 June 2015. Wellington: MOH. Retrieved 7 Oct 2016 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/gambling-helpline-client-data>

- 64% of first-time callers to gambling helpline counselling services cited non-casino gambling machines as their primary mode of gambling.



- 49% of gambler clients attending face-to-face counselling cited non-casino gambling machines as their primary mode of gambling, and a further 9% cited casino gambling machines.<sup>17</sup>




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<sup>17</sup> Ministry of Health (2017). Retrieved 2 Oct 2017 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data>

## How Gambling Machines Work

- Gambling machines are not a simple or harmless form of entertainment. A modern gambling machine is a subtle and sophisticated media experience, designed to keep people using the machine as long as possible.<sup>18</sup>

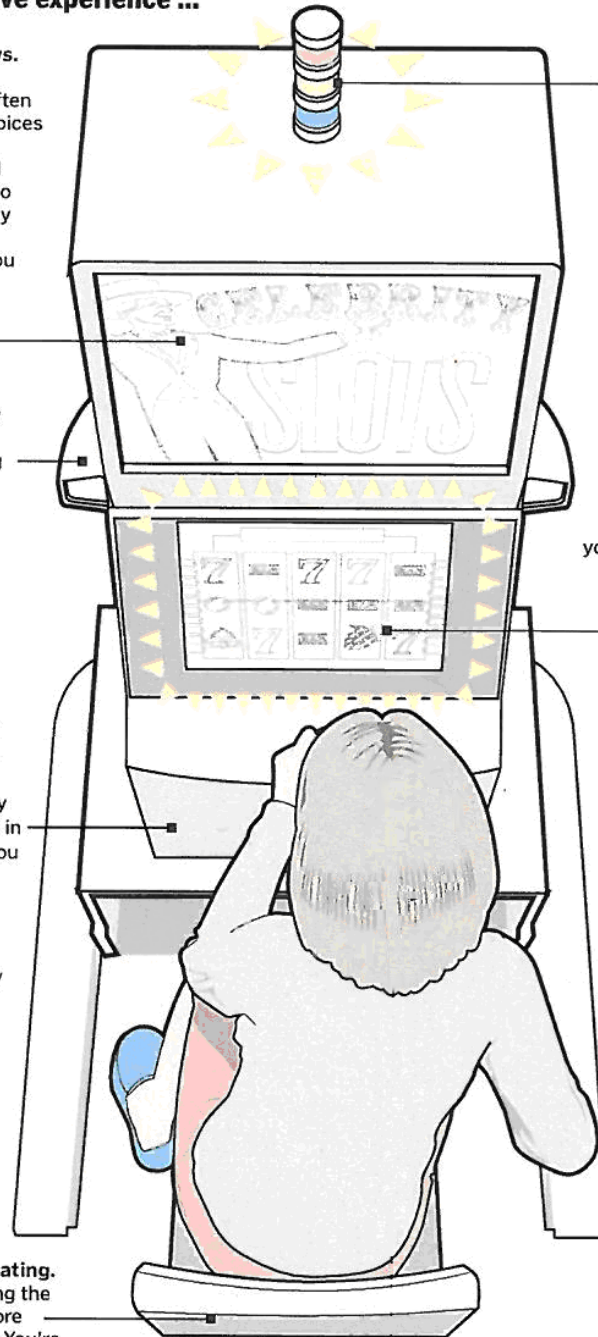
### An immersive experience ...

**Snazzy displays.** Animated, entertaining, often including the voices and images of beloved TV and movie stars who goad you to play more and congratulate you when you win.

**Directional speakers.** They bathe you in sound, blocking out the noises from the room around you.

**Easy payment plans.** The new machines don't display dollar amounts — they deal exclusively in "credits" that you cash out later. This serves to separate you from the idea that it's actually money you're losing.

**Comfortable seating.** The higher paying the machine, the more comfy the chair. You're supposed to sink in and never want to get up.



**Lots of positive feedback.** Anytime you win — even if the amount is less than your wager — the machine's flashing screens and screaming congratulations make you think you've just won the Kentucky Derby.

<sup>18</sup> Mangels, J. and W. Neff (2011 May 15). How the machine works on you [infographic]. The Plain Dealer. Cleveland, OH.

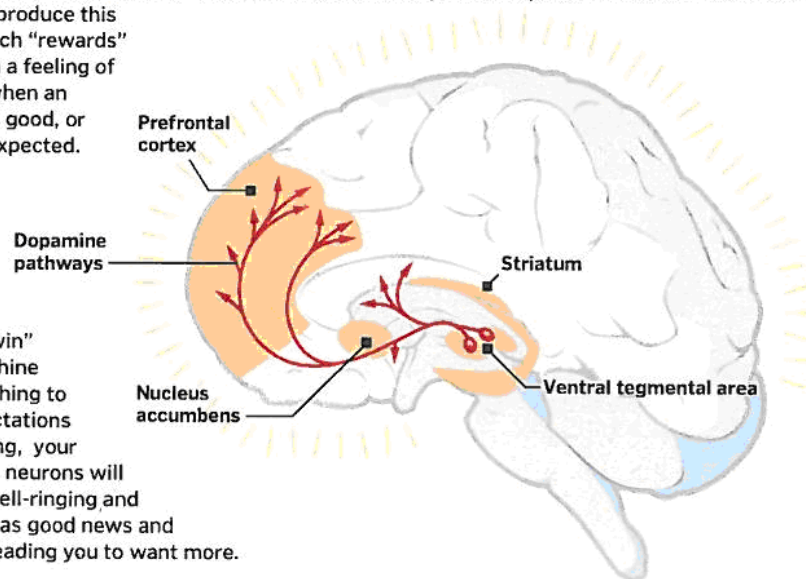


### ... that has a profound effect

All this stimulation plays havoc with the **reward centers** of the human brain: those areas that are wired to anticipate some good result — such as the learning of a new skill — and make you feel good when it happens.

This reaction is fueled, in part, by the neurotransmitter **dopamine**. Special neurons in certain areas of your brain produce this chemical, which “rewards” the brain with a feeling of satisfaction when an outcome is as good, or better, than expected.

Although a “win” on a slot machine may have nothing to do with expectations or skill-learning, your dopaminergic neurons will take all that bell-ringing and light-flashing as good news and reward it — leading you to want more.



SOURCE: Luke Clark, University of Cambridge

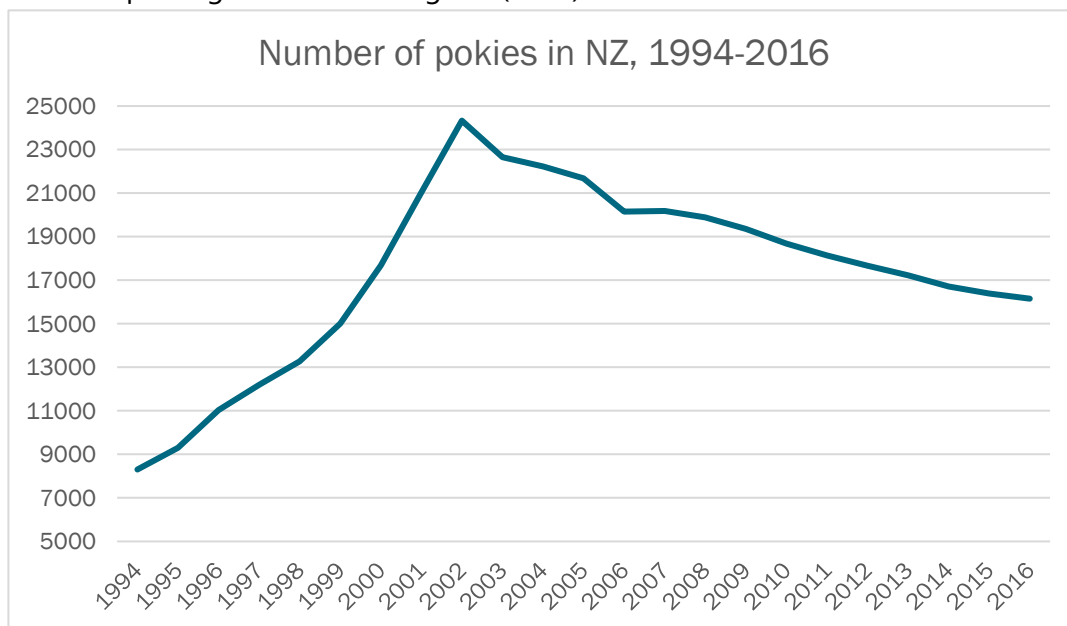
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- Gambling products use psychological tricks which take advantage of some of the faulty ways that we all, as human beings, think.
  - You haven't won all night, so the big win is on the way: This is not true. Gambling exploits our human misunderstanding of statistical probability and our ingrained belief in luck (even though statistics always prove us wrong).
  - The near-miss effect: Gambling machines exploit this, because a near-miss will trigger your brain in the same areas as if you had really won. These are also the same areas which are involved in drug addiction. This is why problem gamblers crave gambling and have compulsive thoughts about it. Machines will be programmed to show as many near-misses as they can get away with (most countries legislate how many times they can do this).
  - Creating immersive environments: Gambling machines make you forget the outside world through clever design. Dark backgrounds and deep but bright jewel-like colours attract and stimulate the brain. Spot-lit areas draw your focus in. Sound and light at random times both disorients the user and stimulates the brain at the same time.
  - Brain stimulation: The anticipation of gambling causes excitement, raised heart-rate, shallow breathing, and other nervous system responses. Winning and losing

cause even greater responses, which are tied directly into our brain’s reward centres. The design of modern gambling amplifies these even more. The reward areas of your brain take all the bell-ringing and light-flashing as good news and reward your neurons with large hits of dopamine. This happens even when you are losing, and is why gambling can operate just like a drug or alcohol addiction.

## Gambling Numbers

- Before 1988 there were no legal electronic gambling machines in New Zealand. In December 2016 there were 16,148. At the end of 2016 there were 16,148 machines.<sup>19</sup> This chart shows the rapid rise of gambling machines, which peaked and began to decline after the passing of the Gambling Act (2003).



- A New Zealand study acknowledged that there are many forces of work at play that can reduce problem gambling prevalence, including public health work, adaptation (when no new machines are introduced) and policy. The report found strong support for the “access thesis,” which says that increases of non-casino gambling machines lead to an

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<sup>19</sup> Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). (2014). Society, Venue and Gaming Machine Numbers: 31 December 2016. Retrieved 17 February 2017 from [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Gambling-Statistics/\\$file/Venue-and-numbers-by-territorial-authority-as-at-31-December-2016.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Gambling-Statistics/$file/Venue-and-numbers-by-territorial-authority-as-at-31-December-2016.pdf)

increase in problem gambling prevalence. **Specifically, the study found that there is an increase in problem gambling by nearly one person per each new machine.**<sup>20</sup>

- The report went so far as to state in its conclusion that, “from the perspective of public policy, and particularly harm minimisation, holding or reducing EGM [electronic gambling machine] numbers would appear to be prudent based on our findings, and is likely to lead to reduced harm both through reduced availability and by enabling adaptation processes.”
- The same study supported the view that restricting the per capita density of gambling machines leads to a decrease in gambling harm.<sup>21</sup>
- In submissions to Councils, Jarrod True of the TAB challenged the findings of this study. Mr. True explains that “after reading the full study and reading the research data it does not appear that any strong correlation exists [between gambling machine access and problem gambling].” This claim should be disregarded for two obvious reasons.
- Mr. True’s analysis is contrary to conclusions articulated in the very abstract of the article, which states that “strong statistically meaningful relationships were found for an increase in prevalence with increasing per capita density of EGMs, consistent with the access hypothesis and supported by no evidence of plateauing of prevalence with increasing density of EGMs.”
- The assertions put forth by Mr. True carry less authority than that of three well-respected and qualified researchers, who almost unarguably are more qualified to interpret statistics and judge research.

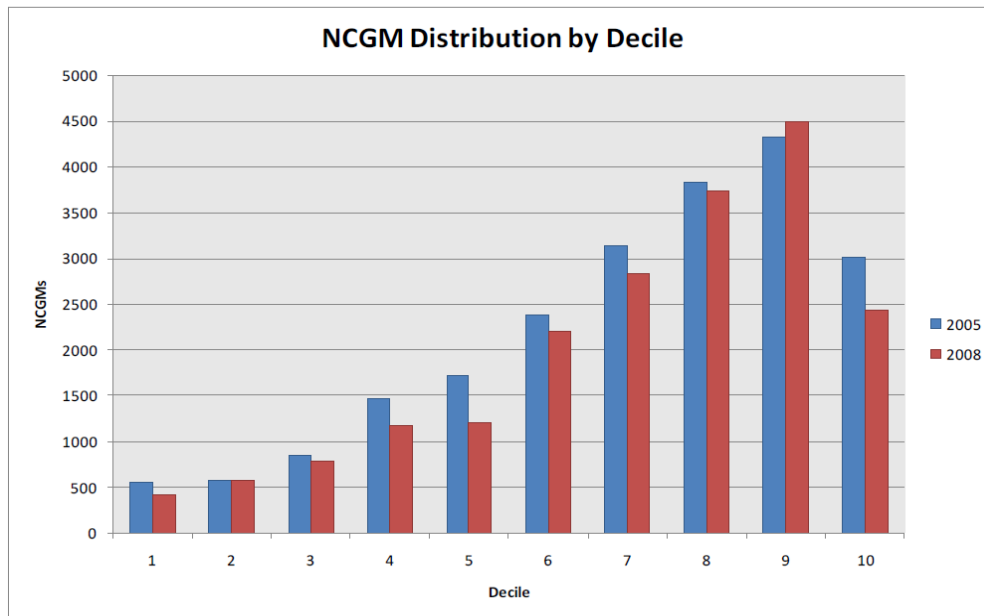
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20 Abbott, M., Storer, J., & Stubbs, J. (2009 December). Access or adaptation? A meta-analysis of surveys of problem gambling prevalence in Australia and New Zealand with respect to concentration of electronic gaming machines. *International Gambling Studies*, 9 (3), 225 – 244.

21 Ibid, p.241.

## Gambling Machine Density and Location

- Studies and data from New Zealand<sup>22</sup> and Australia<sup>23</sup> indicate that there are significantly more venues and electronic gambling machines in low-socio economic communities.
- Across New Zealand there is a clear trend in the concentration of machines across deprivation areas: electronic gambling machines are more likely to be found in the more deprived areas of New Zealand.<sup>24</sup>



- Another way of interpreting this data is to consider that in wealthy areas, the ratio of gambling machines to people is 1 to 465. In poorer areas, the ratio of gambling machines to people is 1 to 75. This means that a young person growing up in a poorer area will have 6 times more gambling machines in their community than a better-off

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22 Francis Group. (2009). Informing the 2009 problem gambling needs assessment: Report for the Ministry of Health. Wellington: MOH.

Huriwai, T., Rigby, J. E., & Wheeler, B.W. (2006) Pokies and poverty: Problem gambling risk factor geography in New Zealand. *Health and Place*, 12 (1): 86-96.

23 Livingston, C., & Woolley, R. (2008). The relevance and role of gaming machine games and game features on the play of problem gamblers: Report for the Independent Gambling Authority (IGA). Adelaide, South Australia: IGA.  
Doughney, J. (2007). Ethical blindness, EGMs and public policy. *Journal of Mental Health Addiction*, 5, 311-319.

24 Francis Group. (2009). Informing the 2009 problem gambling needs assessment: Report for the Ministry of Health. Wellington: MOH.

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- The key drivers for the comparative over-abundance of non-casino gambling machine venues in disadvantaged areas and areas with high proportions of “at risk” groups are unclear. On the demand side, there may be greater incentives to allocate machines in areas where they will be used more intensively and potential returns are highest. However, another explanation for the location may be in the distribution of venues, such as hotels and taverns. Affluent areas have a greater ability to resist the location of hotels and taverns in their communities; communities with high rates of home ownership tend to take a more long-term view of planning and zoning issues.
- Whatever the explanation, the location of venues tends to concentrate the social costs in communities that are less able to bear them.<sup>26</sup>

## Vulnerability

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- Certain population groups are more vulnerable to gambling problems in New Zealand. One major demographic factor is ethnicity.<sup>27</sup>

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25 Wheeler, B., Rigby J., & Huriwai T. (2006). Pokies and poverty: problem gambling risk factor geography in NZ. *Health & Place*. 12(1)

26 Hancock, L. & O’Neil, M. (2010, August). Risky business: Why the commonwealth needs to take over gambling legislation (Alfred Deakin Research Institute). Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.deakin.edu.au/alfred-deakin-research-institute/assets/resources/publications/workingpapers/adri-working-paper-11.pdf>

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27 Ministry of Health. (2009). Preventing and minimising gambling harm: Consultation document; six-year strategic plan; three-year service plan; problem gambling needs assessment; and problem gambling levy calculations. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/problem-gambling/strategic-direction-overview/strategic-plans>

- Māori populations comprise 35% of intervention service clients<sup>28</sup> and 17.1% of Helpline callers<sup>29</sup>, but make up only 15% of the population<sup>30</sup>.
  - There has been a rise in the number of Māori women seeking help for gambling problems. Māori women seeking help for their gambling problems almost exclusively (85.6% in 2008) cite non-casino gambling machines as their problematic mode of gambling.<sup>31</sup>
  - Pacific populations comprise 21.1% of intervention service clients<sup>32</sup> and 6.6% of Helpline callers<sup>33</sup>, but make up only 7% of the population<sup>34</sup>.
  - Overall, Māori and Pacific adults are approximately four times more likely to be problem gamblers compared to the general population.<sup>35</sup>
- Another major demographic factor in problem gambling is location in a highly deprived socio-economic area.<sup>36</sup>
- Although there has been a reduction in the number of non-casino gambling machines since 2005, they continue to be concentrated in more deprived areas.

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28 For the most recently reported period, July 2014-June 2015. Ministry of Health (2016). Intervention Client Data. Retrieved 7 Oct 2016 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/intervention-client-data#ethnicity>

29 Ministry of Health. (2015). Gambling Helpline report for national statistics to 30 June 2015. Wellington: MOH. Retrieved 7 Oct 2016 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/gambling-helpline-client-data>

30 Statistics New Zealand (2014). 2013 Census – Major ethnic groups in New Zealand. Retrieved 2 July 2014 from <http://www.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/infographic-culture-identity.aspx>

31 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 [http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling\\_impacts\\_Final%2010\\_02\\_09.pdf](http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf)

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33 Ministry of Health. (2015). Gambling Helpline report for national statistics to 30 June 2015. Wellington: MOH. Retrieved 7 Oct 2016 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/mental-health-and-addictions/problem-gambling/service-user-data/gambling-helpline-client-data>

34 Statistics New Zealand (2014). 2013 Census – Major ethnic groups in New Zealand. Retrieved 2 July 2014 from <http://www.stats.govt.nz/Census/2013-census/profile-and-summary-reports/infographic-culture-identity.aspx>

35 Ministry of Health (2009). A focus on problem gambling: results of the 2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

36 Ibid.

According to the Social Impact Assessment prepared for this consultation, 14 of 15 Whanganui venues are located in areas of high deprivation.

- Census area units with a deprivation decile rating of 8 or above accounted for 56% of all non-casino gambling machine expenditure.
  - Māori and Pacific peoples are over-represented in these deciles, which may make them more vulnerable.
- While deprivation is a key driver of use, machines found in town-centre areas typically form the entertainment and shopping districts of a city and are highly accessible. This is particularly so when they are adjacent to deprived areas. This is one of the reasons why the Problem Gambling Foundation recommends to prohibit relocations entirely.
  - Other demographic factors of vulnerable populations include age (35-44) and lack of educational qualifications, as well as workforce status (unemployed or out of workforce).<sup>37</sup>
  - Problem gambling is more common in individuals with major depression, anxiety, and personality disorders.<sup>38</sup>
  - Substance abusers have a 2-10 fold increased risk for problem gambling.<sup>39</sup>
  - There is increasing concern around the vulnerability of youth populations to gambling as well; youth and young adults have high rates of problem gambling.<sup>40</sup>

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37 Ibid.

38 Ibid

Petry, N.M., Stintson, F.S. & Grant, B.F. (2005). Comorbidity of DSM-IV pathological gambling and psychiatric disorders: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, 66, 564-574.

39 Ministry of Health (2009). *A focus on problem gambling: results of the 2006/07 New Zealand Health Survey*. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

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# HOW GAMBLING HURTS WHANGANUI

## Personal and Social Costs

*“For many people and their families, however, gambling has harmful consequences, and the negative effects on the community are far-reaching. The social costs of gambling are out of proportion to the number of problem gamblers.”<sup>41</sup>*

- While it may appear that the effects of gambling are limited to Whanganui’s estimated 792 problem gamblers who are experiencing direct harm from gambling, the impact is serious and affects the entire city.
- Problem gambling imposes:
  - Personal costs (on the problem gambler).
  - Social costs (on family members, friends, co-workers, those with whom he or she has business relationships, and the general public as well).



Adapted from Australian Productivity Commission Report 1999

41 Ministry of Health. 2010. Preventing and Minimising Gambling Harm: Six-year strategic plan 2010/11–2015/16. Wellington: Ministry of Health.



- The “personal costs” can include: **depression and anxiety**; financial indebtedness; **bankruptcy**, arrest, imprisonment, **unemployment, divorce**, and poor physical and mental health.<sup>42</sup>
- Problem gambling is a leading cause of **suicide**. A number of studies have shown a very clear link between problem gambling and suicidality,<sup>43</sup> and the Problem Gambling Foundation regularly sees people who have attempted suicide or considered taking their own lives.
- The “social costs” can include: impacts on the families of people experiencing gambling harm (through **family violence**, household stress, poor parenting, and family break-up); impacts on employers (through lost production, **fraud and theft**); impacts on the government (through **costs to the police, the criminal justice system, and the social welfare system**).<sup>44</sup>
- Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and Central Queensland University (CQU) released new research into the ‘**burden of gambling harm**’ in July 2017. The findings demonstrated that gambling related harm is nearly two times more than that of drug-use, and twice that of diabetes. Harm linked to anxiety and depression, and hazardous drinking are the only researched health issues which prove to cause more harm than gambling. The study concluded that, in 2012 alone, an estimated 161,928 years of healthy life were lost due to gambling in New Zealand – not only from the lives of gamblers, but also from their family, friends, and the wider community .<sup>45</sup>
- About the above study, Professor Max Abbott says “our findings indicate that interventions designed to reduce harm from gambling need to focus not just on reducing the prevalence of problem gambling, but rather on minimising gambling-

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<sup>42</sup> Abbott, M. W. (2001, June). What do we know about gambling and problem gambling in New Zealand? Report number seven of the New Zealand gaming survey. Wellington: Department of Internal Affairs. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/Report7.pdf/\\$file/Report7.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/Report7.pdf/$file/Report7.pdf)

<sup>43</sup> Moghaddam, JF; Yoon G; Dickerson DL, Kim SW, Westermeyer J (2015, June). Suicidal ideation and suicide attempts in five groups with different severities of gambling: Findings from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions. *American Journal on Addictions*

<sup>44</sup> Ibid.

South Australian Centre for Economic Studies with the Department of Psychology, University of Adelaide. (2005, November). Problem gambling and harm: Towards a national definition. Victoria: Department of Justice. Retrieved online 29 January 2013 from <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/saces/gambling/publications/ProblemGamblingAndHarmTowardNationalDefinition.pdf>

<sup>45</sup> Central Queensland University and Auckland University of Technology. 2017. Measuring the Burden of Gambling Harm in New Zealand. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved online 30 July 2017 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/measuring-burden-gambling-harm-new-zealand>

related harm **across the entire spectrum of risky gambling behaviour.** This advises that a sinking lid policy is a good move to protect the community as a whole.<sup>46</sup>

- As mentioned in the Social Impact Assessment, the Ministry of Health and Auckland University of Technology have recently released research highlighting the links between **problem gambling and family violence.** 50 percent of participants (people seeking help from problem gambling services) claimed to be victims of family violence, and 44 percent of participants claimed to be perpetrators of family violence in the past year. A risk factor for problem gamblers being victims is experiencing severe gambling harm.<sup>47</sup>

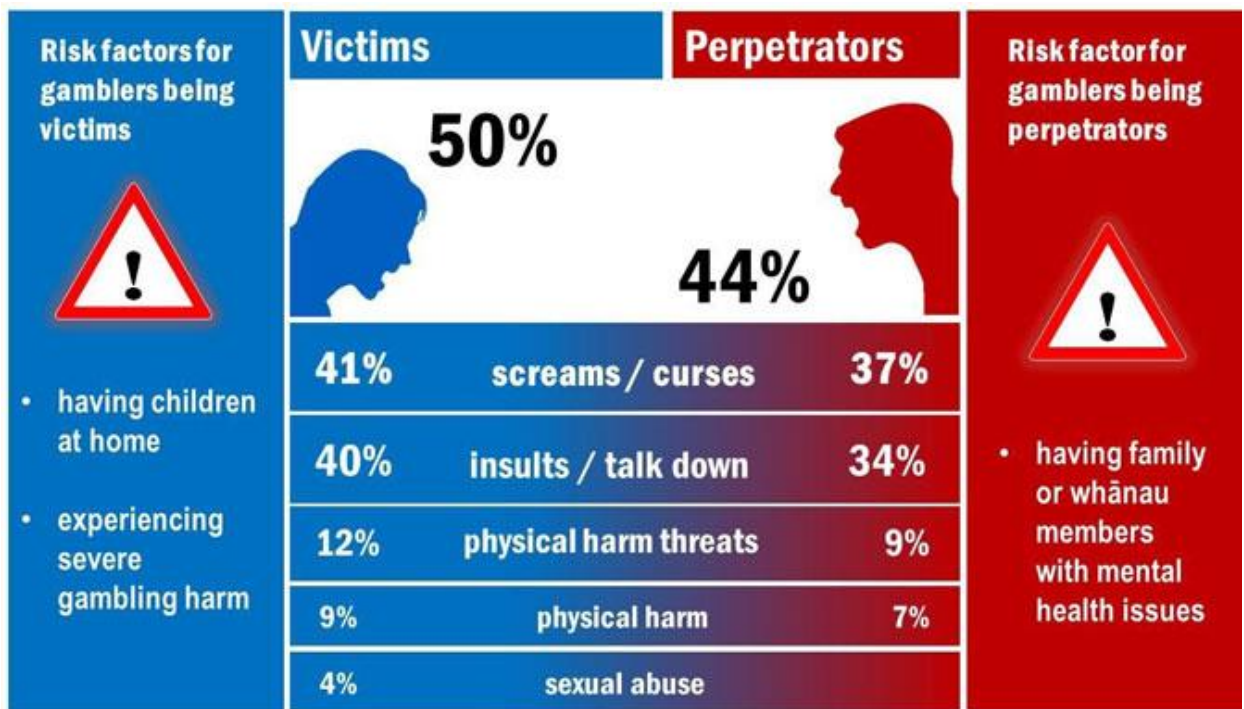


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- A 2008 study found that “those who had higher levels of participation in gambling activities (based on time spent and losses relative to income) reported experiencing

<sup>46</sup> Scoop Media (2017). Gambling related community harm exceeds that of drug use. Retrieved online 30 July 2017 from <http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/GE1707/S00018/gambling-related-community-harm-exceeds-that-of-drug-use.htm>

<sup>47</sup> Auckland University of Technology. (2017). Problem Gambling and Family Violence in Help-Seeking Populations: Co-Occurrence, Impact and Coping. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved online 20 June 2017 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/problem-gambling-and-family-violence-help-seeking-populations-co-occurrence-impact-and-coping>

significantly **worse physical health, worse mental health**, and poorer feelings about self and **lower satisfaction with life**".<sup>48</sup>

- Recent research confirms that the proportion of New Zealanders experiencing broader gambling harms is much higher than the prevalence for problem gambling. **One in six New Zealanders say a family member has gone without something they needed or a bill has gone unpaid because of gambling.**<sup>49</sup> This percentage was higher among Māori (38%) and Pacific (28%), and among those in more deprived (deciles 8-10) neighbourhoods.

## Problem Gambling and Children

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- When parents have problems with gambling, it is often children who suffer most. Young children can miss out on basic essentials if a parent has gambled away household money. Gambling can lead to broken homes, damaged relationships, physical and emotional harm, and a higher risk of the children becoming problem gamblers themselves. A single person's harmful gambling can affect five to ten people, and children are vulnerable when it's their parent or other close relative.
- Children are often aware that their parents cannot provide them with items such as presents, school trips and even food not because of a lack of money but as a direct result of gambling behaviour.<sup>50</sup>
- If children's needs are not being met, they can suffer from health problems due to poor nutrition or malnutrition, and the responsibility of meeting these needs may fall on extended family, schools and social services. This can cause those children to feel that they are not cared for – or cared about – by their parents.<sup>51</sup>
- For children of problem gamblers, feelings of neglect can be a daily struggle. The parent may spend a great deal of time gambling, move out due to arguments about their gambling, or just disappear unpredictably.

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48 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling\\_impacts\\_Final%2010\\_02\\_09.pdf](http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf)

49 Abbott, M.W., Gray, R.J., & Walker, S.E. (2012 April). Knowledge, views, and experiences of gambling and gambling-related harms in different ethnic and socio-economic groups in New Zealand. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, 36, 2 (153-159).

50 McComb, J., B. Lee and D. Sprenkle (2009). "Conceptualizing and treating problem gambling as a family issue." *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy* 35(4): 415-431.

51 Dyall, L., Y. L. Thomas and D. Thomas (2009). "The impact of gambling on Māori." *Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga*

- Losses can be emotional too. The parent's personality can become unrecognisable to their children, who feel gambling has become more important than family. Their relationship with their child or children can be damaged as they become more secretive, unreliable and prone to breaking promises.<sup>52</sup>
- Children are more likely to suffer physical violence or abuse if they have parents with problem gambling, especially when combined with other problems such as alcohol abuse.<sup>53</sup> One study found that six out of 10 communities had increases in reported domestic violence (including spousal and partner abuse) after casinos were introduced in the area.<sup>54</sup>
- Problem gambling, especially when it is present alongside other disorders such as alcohol and drug abuse,<sup>55</sup> can increase the risk of children developing unhealthy behaviours. Alcohol abuse, educational difficulties, emotional disorders and suicidal tendencies are more likely when a parent gambles.<sup>56</sup> Other associated problems include eating disorders, trouble sleeping<sup>57</sup>, asthma, allergies, and gastrointestinal disorders.<sup>58</sup>
- Of all the studies done on children of problem gamblers, one of the most consistent findings is that they are far more likely to become problem gamblers themselves. Children with a family history of problem gambling are between 2 and 10 times more

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52 Ibid.

Darbyshire, P., C. Oster and H. Carrig (2001). "The experience of pervasive loss: Children and young people living in a family where parental gambling is a problem." *Journal of Gambling Studies* 17(1).

53 Lesieur, H. and J. Rothschild (1989). "Children of Gamblers Anonymous members." *Journal of Gambling Behavior* 5(4): 269-281.

54 Shaw, M., K. Forbush, J. Schlinder, E. Rosenman and D. Black (2007). "The effect of pathological gambling on families, marriages and children." *CNS Spectrums* 12(8).

55 Rossen, F., R. Butler and S. Denny (2011). "An exploration of youth participation in gambling & the impact of problem gambling on young people in New Zealand." Ministry of Health.

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57 Lesieur, H. and J. Rothschild (1989). "Children of Gamblers Anonymous members." *Journal of Gambling Behavior* 5(4): 269-281.

58 Horvath, V. and R. Pierce (2002). Pathological gambling and child neglect: A cause for concern. The Downside: Problem and Pathological Gambling. J. J. Marotta, J. A. Cornelius and W. R. Eadington. Carson City, Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming.

likely to develop gambling problems later in life. If the person in their life who gambled was their father, it may be as much as 14 times more likely.<sup>59</sup>

- A study of gambling in Māori communities outlines a model of how children are at risk if gambling is a part of their young lives. When exposed to gambling activities from an early age, in the form of housie games at home or Marae fundraising activities played by their parents or whānau, children grow up seeing gambling as a normal activity and central to social life. They may be allowed – even encouraged – to participate from a young age. Dysfunction at home, in the form of financial problems or domestic violence increases the risk that they will look to gambling for an escape. As they grow their gambling may become more intense until it has become problematic. From there, debt may spiral out of control, relationships may erode, and their children may be neglected.<sup>60</sup>
- Children of problem gamblers face higher likelihoods of having some of the following disorders at some point in their life as compared to the general population.<sup>61</sup>
  - Alcohol disorders (31% vs 4%)
  - Major depression (19% vs 7%)
  - Drug use disorders (5% vs 2%)
  - Antisocial personality disorder (5% vs 0%)
  - Generalised anxiety disorder (8% vs 0%)
  - Any psychiatric disorder (50% vs 11%)

### Crime

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***Problem gamblers are at high risk of committing crimes in order to finance their gambling activities.***

- Gambling-related crime has received considerable public attention in recent years, including recent media attention.

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59 Dowling, N., A. Jackson, S. Thomas and E. Frydenberg (2010). "Children at risk of developing problem gambling." The Problem Gambling Research and Treatment Centre.

60 Dyall, L., Y. L. Thomas and D. Thomas (2009). "The impact of gambling on Māori." Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga.

61 Data based on a study of problem gamblers' family members vs a control group. Shaw, M., K. Forbush, J. Schlinder, E. Rosenman and D. Black (2007). "The effect of pathological gambling on families, marriages and children." CNS Spectrums 12(8).

- Offending by gamblers has been investigated in a number of New Zealand and international studies. Despite difficulties in determining the extent of gambling-related crime and the causal pathways, it appears that problem gamblers are at high risk of committing crimes in order to finance their gambling activities.<sup>62</sup>
- In 2008 a New Zealand study found that 25% of those engaged in criminal activity would not have done so if it had not been for their gambling. This suggests that just below a third of the relevant population—10,000 people—committed illegal activities because of gambling.<sup>63</sup>
- Problem gambling has been linked to criminal activity and studies have suggested that much of the crime goes unreported.<sup>64</sup> Apart from the financial cost of gambling-related crime to organisations and individuals directly involved, there are often financial and other costs for people experiencing problem gambling who are convicted, as well as for their families.<sup>65</sup>

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62 Wheeler, S., Round, D. and Wilson, J. (2010), 'The Relationship between crime and gaming expenditure in Victoria', Melbourne: Department of Justice, Victoria.

Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Brown, R., Coombes, Dyall, L., R., McKenna, B., & Rossen, F. (2009). Problem gambling: Formative investigation of the links between gambling (including problem gambling and crime in New Zealand). Auckland: Auckland University of Technology, report prepared for the Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.aut.ac.nz/resources/research/research\\_institutes/niphmhr/report\\_final\\_gambling\\_and\\_crime.pdf](http://www.aut.ac.nz/resources/research/research_institutes/niphmhr/report_final_gambling_and_crime.pdf)

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63 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling\\_impacts\\_Final%2010\\_02\\_09.pdf](http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf)

64 Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Brown, R., Coombes, Dyall, L., R., McKenna, B., & Rossen, F. (2009). Problem gambling: Formative investigation of the links between gambling (including problem gambling and crime in New Zealand). Auckland: Auckland University of Technology, report prepared for the Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.aut.ac.nz/resources/research/research\\_institutes/niphmhr/report\\_final\\_gambling\\_and\\_crime.pdf](http://www.aut.ac.nz/resources/research/research_institutes/niphmhr/report_final_gambling_and_crime.pdf)

65 Australian Productivity Commission. (2010). Gambling: Inquiry Report. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia. 16, 231, 280.

Department of Internal Affairs (DIA). (2009) Problem gambling in New Zealand – a brief summary. Retrieved 29

- A 2009 New Zealand study found that “gamblers and significant others believe that a relationship exists between gambling and crime” and that “there is substantial unreported crime, a large proportion of which is likely to be related to gambling and that there are a large range of crimes committed in relation to gambling (particularly continuous forms of gambling), and not just financial crimes”.<sup>66</sup> They suggest that 10% of people experiencing problem gambling and 2/3 of those receiving counselling for gambling- related issues have committed a crime because of their gambling.

### Economic Degradation

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- There is limited data and analysis regarding the economic impact of gambling in New Zealand. Still, New Zealand and international research have pointed out the losses that offer a sharp contrast to the often celebrated economic gains the gambling industry produces. Money for gambling is diverted from savings and/or other expenditure, and can have a negative impact on local businesses and the economic health and welfare of whole communities.<sup>67</sup>
- A recent report noted that jobs and economic activities generated by gambling expenditure would exist elsewhere if that money was spent outside the gambling industry.<sup>68</sup>
- Employment, normally considered a standard business cost, is framed within the gambling industry as a special benefit to the community. Even if gambling does create employment opportunities, a comparison of gambling and retail in terms of jobs created for every million dollars spent shows that gambling creates about half as many jobs as retail.<sup>69</sup>

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[http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf/\\$file/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf/$file/ProblemGamblingFactsFinal.pdf)

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68 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling\\_impacts\\_Final%2010\\_02\\_09.pdf](http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf)

69 Per million dollars spent, gambling generates approximately 3.2 jobs while retail produces approximately 6.3. South Australian Centre for Economic Studies with the Department of Psychology, University of Adelaide. (2005, November). Problem gambling and harm: Towards a national definition. Victoria: Department of Justice. Retrieved

- The Christchurch City Council May 2009 study *Economic Impacts of NCGMs on Christchurch City* suggests that over the course of a year, gambling machines in Christchurch result in lost economic output of \$13 million, additional GDP of \$2 million, lost employment for 630 full-time equivalents, and lost household income of \$8 million.<sup>70</sup>

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[http://www.gamblingresearch.org.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/GRA\\_Reports\\_Files1/\\$file/FinalReportPrinter.pdf](http://www.gamblingresearch.org.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/GRA_Reports_Files1/$file/FinalReportPrinter.pdf)

70 Colegrave, F. & Simpson, M. (2009 May). The economic impacts of NCGMs on Christchurch City: Prepared for Christchurch City Council. Auckland: Covec, Ltd.



## REDUCING GAMBLING HARM IN WHANGANUI

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***Increased availability of opportunities to gamble is associated with more gambling and more problem gambling.***

- Although it is sometimes difficult to determine whether gambling *causes* problems, or is merely *associated* with them, there is evidence that problem gambling harms can be reversed.<sup>71</sup> This means that at the least, there is the potential to reduce the prevalence of problem gambling, and at most, the prevalence of many other problems as well.
- A key question has been whether gambling machine supply contributes to problem gambling. Research has signalled that indeed restricting accessibility of gambling venues and machines would help curb problem gambling.
- A recent New Zealand Ministry of Health survey found some significant associations between gambling accessibility and gambling behaviour. Gambling behaviour, they state, is strongly associated with the distance to the nearest gambling venue.<sup>72</sup> The more gambling venues there are within 5kms of a person's neighbourhood the more likely that the person would have gambled at the gambling venue in the last year.
- A range of other studies have also indicated a link between the availability of some types of legal gambling and problem gambling. The evidence for the availability hypothesis has been considered by official review bodies in New Zealand<sup>73</sup>, Australia<sup>74</sup>, the United

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72 Ministry of Health. (2008) Raising the odds? Gambling behaviour and neighbourhood access to gambling venues in New Zealand. Wellington: MOH. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/raising-the-odds-may08.pdf>

73 Ibid.

Day, P., Hiscock, R., Mason, K., & Pearce, J. (2008). A national study of neighbourhood access to gambling opportunities and individual gambling behaviour [Abstract]. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 26, 849, 862-868.

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74 Hancock, L. & O'Neil, M. (2010, August). Risky business: Why the commonwealth needs to take over gambling legislation (Alfred Deakin Research Institute). Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.deakin.edu.au/alfred-deakin-research-institute/assets/resources/publications/workingpapers/adri-working-paper-11.pdf>

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States<sup>75</sup>, and Canada<sup>76</sup>. Each concluded that increased availability of opportunities to gamble was associated with more gambling and more problem gambling.

- A recently produced report, cited in a previous section, conducted a meta-analysis from numerous key Australian and New Zealand studies and found a strong statistically meaningful relationship between the increases in gambling prevalence with increased per capita gambling machine density. It also found that contrary to previous studies, there was no evidence for plateau of gambling prevalence with increased density of machines.<sup>77</sup>
- A later study in the UK acknowledged that decreases in gambling-related problems are a complex process involving not only social adaptation, but also the implementation of public health policies and the provision of specialist services. The adaptation process also seems to be inconsistent across communities; different groups of people are affected differently by the process.<sup>78</sup>
- Most reliable research would indicate that there is no single cause which triggers problem gambling. The phenomenon is a result of the combination of several factors, some of which have been outlined in the diagram below.<sup>79</sup> Several of these factors can be

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Doughney, J. 2006. The poker machine state in Australia: A consideration of ethical and policy issues. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, 4, 351-368.

75 Barnes, G. M., Hoffman, J. H., Tidwell, M. C. O., Wieczorek, W. F., & Welte, J. W. (2007). Type of gambling and availability as risk factors for problem gambling: A Tobit regression analysis by age and gender. *International Gaming Studies*, 7(2), 183-198.

76 Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre. (2010). Problem Gambling Framework. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre Web site:

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Robitaille, E., & Herjean, P. (2008). An analysis of the accessibility of video lottery terminals: the case of Montréal. *International Journal of Health Geographics*, 7(2).

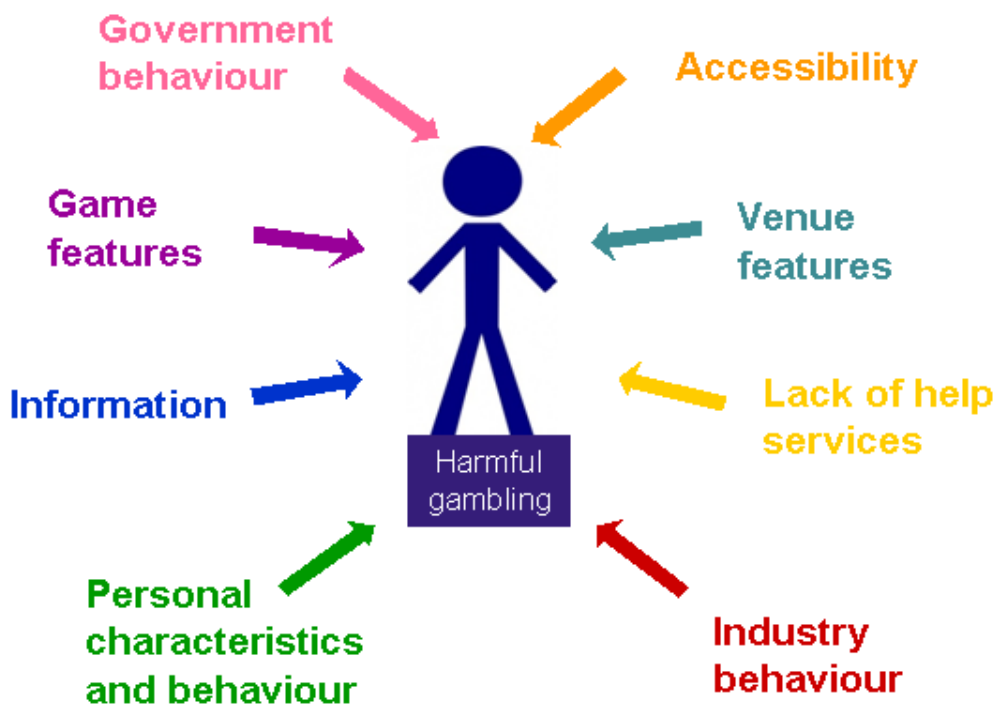
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77 Abbott, M., Storer, J., & Stubbs, J. (2009). Access or adaptation? A meta-analysis of surveys of problem gambling prevalence in Australia and New Zealand with respect to concentration of electronic gaming machines. *International Gambling Studies*, 9, 225-244.

78 Griffiths, M.D (2007). *Gambling addiction and its treatment within the NHS*. London: British Medical Association. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.bma.org.uk/images/gambling\\_tcm41-146741.pdf](http://www.bma.org.uk/images/gambling_tcm41-146741.pdf)

79 Productivity Commission. (1999). *Australia's Gambling Industries*, Report No. 10, AusInfo, Canberra, Vol 1, p. 323. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.pc.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/82552/gambling1.pdf](http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/82552/gambling1.pdf)

influenced by the Council.



## ETHICS OF GAMBLING FUNDING

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### How Gambling Machine Trusts Work

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- Gambling trusts were established under the Gambling Act 2003 in an attempt to off-set some of the harm caused by gambling by returning some of the gambling expenditure to the people in the form of community grants. **Although the purpose of the trusts is to distribute money to the community, the purpose of gambling is not to raise money for the community, and it should not be perceived as such.**
- Gambling machines are licensed to operate in pubs and clubs only as a form of community fundraising.<sup>80</sup> Licence holders must distribute their net proceeds to the community by way of grants.
- They are currently required to distribute a minimum of 40% of their GST exclusive gross proceeds for each of its financial years (Gambling (Class 4 Net Proceeds) Regulations 2004. Part 2 Section 9 (1) and 10).<sup>81</sup> The gambling trusts have recently lobbied the Government to stop this increasing, and a freeze at 40% is planned.
- Legislation dictates that each dollar of gross proceeds (i.e., turnover [aggregate stakes] minus user wins) must be distributed in accordance with the pie chart shown in the figure below.<sup>82</sup> These include the fixed amounts towards gambling duty and the problem

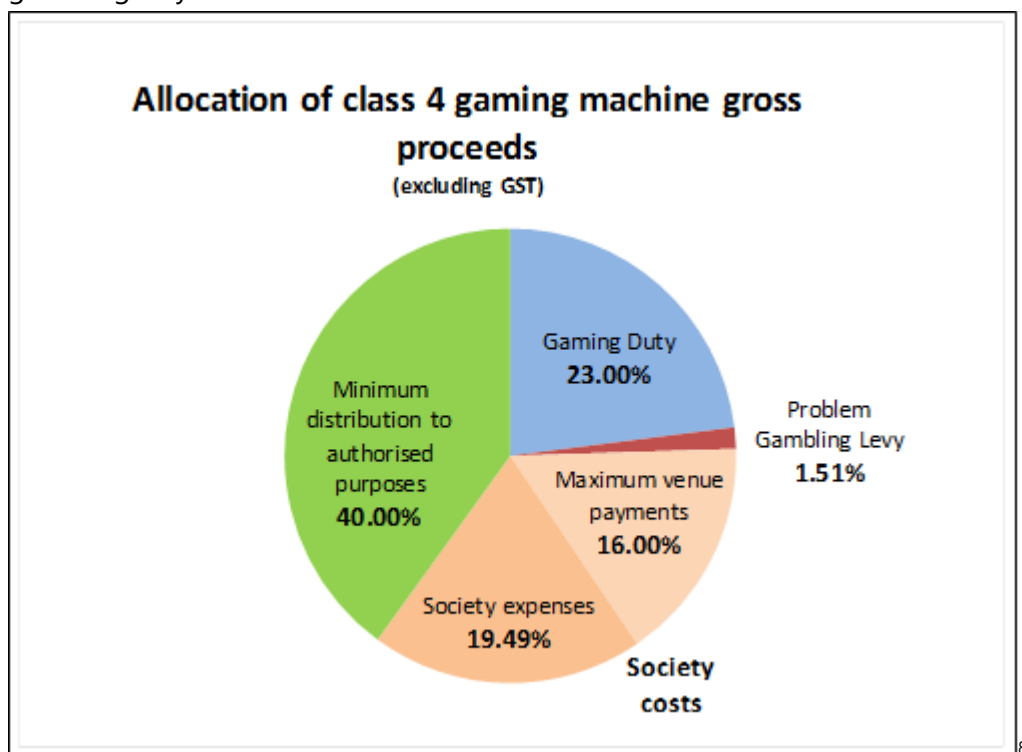
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80 Clubs are permitted to be societies and to operate their own machines in their own clubrooms. They are not required to make grants to other community organisations but can do so.

81 Government also receives tax revenue from gambling taxes and levies which it redistributes for public purposes. NCGM gambling machines are the largest source of tax revenue: 20 percent tax rate, 1.1 percent problem gambling levy and GST (Inland Revenue 2006).

82 Ministry of Health. 2009. Problem Gambling Resource for Local Government. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/problem-gambling-resource-local-government.doc>

gambling levy.



- In 2005 (the last time DIA completed an analysis of grants), gambling machine societies allocated \$317 million to authorised purposes. 47% of that went to sports and physical activities, the single largest category of recipient in 2005. **In 2005 almost 8% (over \$20 million) went to horse racing, mostly for stake money for races.**<sup>84</sup> Of machines operated by the New Zealand Racing Board, approximately 80% of income goes towards racing.
- While the grants made by community funding bodies like the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board are well documented, no comparable aggregate statistics are readily available for the allocation to authorised purposes of the profits of non-casino gambling machines.<sup>85</sup>

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83 Chart originally published by the DIA in the document "Pokies in New Zealand: A guide to how the system works", downloaded from <http://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Casino-and-Non-Casino-Gaming-Gambling-in-Pubs-and-Clubs-%28Class-4%29>

84 Department of Internal Affairs. (2007). Where do gaming profits go? A survey of the allocation for authorized purposes of non-casino gaming machine profits in 2005. Page 33. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits\\_2005.pdf/\\$file/GamingMachineProfits\\_2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf)

85 Ibid.

- The Problem Gambling Foundation believes that we need a more open, lower cost, and transparent system to end the rorts, the lack of compliance, and the illegal activity associated with the current gambling machine trusts system.<sup>86</sup> We also want greater transparency around who does and doesn't get grants and why.
- The current gambling machine trust system (approximately 38 gambling machine trusts) is inefficient. Society expenses are approximately 22%<sup>87</sup> (over \$150 million) with much duplication of roles and resources. This means that less of the money that leaves communities ever returns.

### Regressive nature

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- Gambling generates significant funding for community purposes. However, gambling funding raises revenue at a very high cost. International and New Zealand studies have identified that gambling is sharply regressive. **Income is effectively being redistributed away from low income communities.**<sup>88</sup>
- One attraction of using gambling to collect public funding is that it appears to be "painless" or "voluntary". The "painless voluntary donation" view has been criticised on grounds that it is highly regressive and exploits the false hopes or financial risk-taking of those on lower incomes. It is also argued that many of the gamblers contributing are, at the time of making their contribution, affected by drugs, alcohol, and possibly mental illness. **In other words, for a problem gambler, the contribution is not a voluntary one.**<sup>89</sup>

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86 There have been a steady stream of media stories in recent years highlighting rorts and illegal activity surrounding pokie trusts and the pokie grant system. PGF has these documented in its online library and they can be made available on request.

87 Department of Internal Affairs. (2007). Where do gaming profits go? A survey of the allocation for authorized purposes of non-casino gaming machine profits in 2005. Page 33. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits\\_2005.pdf/\\$file/GamingMachineProfits\\_2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf/$file/GamingMachineProfits_2005.pdf)

88 Hancock, L. & O'Neil, M. (2010, August). Risky business: Why the commonwealth needs to take over gambling legislation (Alfred Deakin Research Institute working paper 11). Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.deakin.edu.au/alfred-deakin-research-institute/assets/resources/publications/workingpapers/adri-working-paper-11.pdf>

Uniting Care Australia (2009), Submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia's Gambling Industries. Page 50. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.unitingcare.org.au/images/stories/submissions/sub\\_productivity\\_com\\_gambling\\_may09.pdf](http://www.unitingcare.org.au/images/stories/submissions/sub_productivity_com_gambling_may09.pdf)

89 Bostock, W. (2005) Australia's gambling policy: motivations, implications and options. Journal of Gambling Issues, 13. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://jgi.camh.net/doi/full/10.4309/jgi.2005.13.4>

- **A significant amount of the money generated from gambling comes at the expense of people with gambling problems.** A 2000 study in New Zealand estimated that problem gamblers account for about 20% of gambling expenditure.<sup>90</sup> A 2010 report in Australia said figures could be as high as 40-60% for gambling machine gambling.<sup>91</sup>
- Studies involving cost benefit analysis have argued that the benefits from gambling for the majority of people gambling are individually very small relative to the costs borne by the minority of people experiencing gambling harm.<sup>92</sup>
- **Lower-income households spend proportionately more of their money on gambling than higher-income households.**<sup>93</sup> People who are already socially and economically disadvantaged are most susceptible to gambling problems.<sup>94</sup> This can concentrate the negative impact of gambling in areas which are already deprived, and thereby increase inequalities in our communities.
- Furthermore, **the revenue generated by gambling within a community is often spent in a more affluent community.**<sup>95</sup> A 2004 study examining distribution of community benefit funding from six major EGM trusts found that more affluent areas (such as

90 Abbott, M. W. and Volberg, R. A. (2000), Taking the Pulse on Gambling and Problem Gambling in New Zealand: A Report on Phase One of the 1999 National Prevalence Study, Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg\\_URL/Resource-material-Our-Research-and-Reports-New-Zealand-Gaming-Survey?OpenDocument#ph1](http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Our-Research-and-Reports-New-Zealand-Gaming-Survey?OpenDocument#ph1)

91 Australian Productivity Commission. (2010). Gambling: Inquiry Report. Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia. 16. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.pc.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/95680/gambling-report-volume1.pdf](http://www.pc.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/95680/gambling-report-volume1.pdf)

92 Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation. (2008). Assessment of the social impacts of gambling in New Zealand. Auckland: SHORE. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling\\_impacts\\_Final%2010\\_02\\_09.pdf](http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/Gambling_impacts_Final%2010_02_09.pdf)

93 McMullan, J.L. (2005). The Gambling Problem and Problem Gambling. Conference conducted at the 4th Annual Alberta Conference on Gambling Research, Public Policy Implication of Gambling Research, University of Alberta, Canada. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <https://dspace.ucalgary.ca/bitstream/1880/47421/13/mcmullan.pdf>

94 Abbott, M., Landon, J., Page, A., Palmer, K., Thorne, H. (2010). Focused literature review for the problem gambling programme: Final report for the Health Sponsorship Council. Auckland University of Technology, Auckland. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.hsc.org.nz/sites/default/files/publications/HSC-PG-ReviewFinal-Sept2010.pdf>

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95 Adams, P.J., & Rossen, F.V. (2005). The ethics of receiving funds from the proceeds of gambling. Centre for Gambling Studies, University of Auckland: Auckland.

Central Auckland and the North Shore) were receiving considerably more funding per capita than the lower income areas (such as Manukau City).<sup>96</sup> It is the Problem Gambling Foundation's experience that jazz festivals and sports fields in wealthier suburbs are well funded, while low-decile schools are not.

### Impact of Proposed Policy on Community Funding

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- There are concerns that a reduction in gambling machines will cause a reduction in gambling machine income to societies which will have the flow on effect of cutting the level of grants made to local community groups.
- While gambling machine revenue is declining, recent years have still seen record gambling machine grants to the community.<sup>97</sup>
- Gambling machine trusts often insinuate that many community groups would not survive without gambling machine money. While it's true that some groups would suffer, gambling machine trusts account for only 10.2% of charitable giving in New Zealand; as a comparison, personal giving accounts for 58% of charitable giving in New Zealand.
- Existing gambling machine venues are not affected by a "sinking lid" policy. A "sinking lid" only prevents new venues from being granted a licence, so the decline in venues and machines happens gradually. Therefore, a "sinking lid" policy should not have an immediate or significant impact on community funding.
- Some groups have even argued that gambling machine handouts actually weaken community groups and that traditional fundraisers are much better at building community spirit and keeping sports and other groups strong.<sup>98</sup>

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96 Adams, P., Brown, P., Brown, R., Garland, J., Perese, L., Rossen, F., & Townsend, S. (2004) Gambling Impact Assessment for Seven Auckland Territorial Authorities. Part One: Introduction and Overview. Centre for Gambling Studies, University of Auckland. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/soph/centres/cgs/\\_docs/2004adams2\\_overview.pdf](http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/soph/centres/cgs/_docs/2004adams2_overview.pdf)

97 Department of Internal Affairs. (2010). Gambling Expenditure Statistics 1986-2010. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from: [http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf/\\$file/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/pubforms.nsf/URL/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf/$file/Expendstats1986-2010.pdf)  
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98 Gamblefree Day prompts call for funding boycott. (2011 September 1). ONE News. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/gamblefree-day-prompts-call-funding-boycott-4378621>  
Inglis, S. (2011 August 20). Editorial: Gambling much bigger problem. Bay of Plenty Times. Copy available upon request.

de Graaf, P. (2010 July 18). Pub: Ditching pokies worth the gamble. Northern Advocate. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.northernadvocate.co.nz/local/news/pub-ditching-pokies-worth-the-gamble/3917450/>



- When it comes to raising money through gambling, a 2007 survey indicated 51% of people felt that it did more harm than good. Only 26% felt that it did more good than harm.<sup>99</sup>
- Very few people (12%) support the current gambling machine trust system of distributing gambling machine funding. People were most supportive of a system similar to the Lottery Grants Board.<sup>100</sup>

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Thomas, A. (2009 February 16). Rugby – ‘crisis meeting’ resuscitates Mangakahia. Northern Advocate Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.northernadvocate.co.nz/sport/news/rugby-crisis-meeting-resuscitates-mangakahia/3795053/>

McNeilly, H. (2008 July 31). Giving up pokie funding right call: Mission. Otago Daily Times. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/15633/giving-pokie-funding-right-call-mission>

99 National Research Council. (2007). 2006/07 Gaming and betting activities survey: New Zealanders’ knowledge, views and experiences of gambling and gambling related harm. Commissioned by the Health Sponsorship Council. National Research Council: Auckland.

100 Ibid.

## PUBLIC ATTITUDES

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*The majority of people consider gambling machines socially undesirable.*

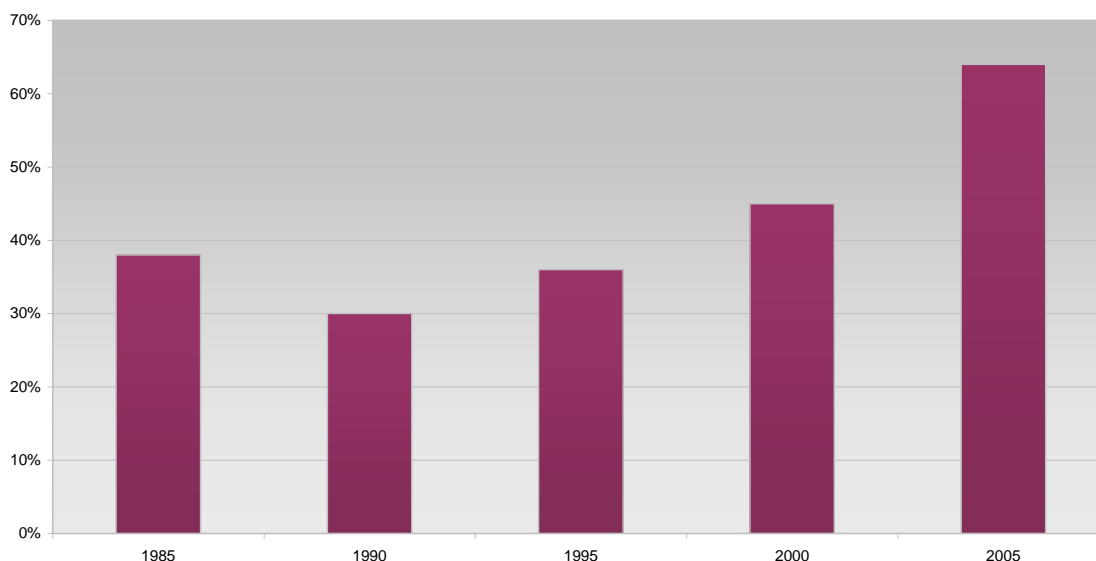
- As mentioned earlier, the Council's Policy Advisor Research & Engagement set up an online questionnaire for the public ahead of this policy's consultation period. 84% of the participants do not want any more pokie machines in Whanganui. 53% of the participants support a "sinking lid." The "sinking lid" received more than double the support of any other option in the questionnaire
- The Department of Internal Affairs' national surveys of gambling conducted in 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005 provide some indication of public attitudes over time.<sup>101</sup>
- Over the period surveyed, New Zealanders had become increasingly concerned about the negative social impacts of gambling. There had been a steady increase in public awareness about problem gambling and the adverse impacts on individuals and the community.
- Those widely available forms most strongly linked to problem gambling in New Zealand (gambling machines, track betting and casino gambling) are also the forms of gambling that increasing proportions of adults regard as undesirable.

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101 Department of Internal Affairs (2008) Peoples participation in, and attitudes to, gambling, 1985-2005. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/\\$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf)

- In particular, the surveys found that the majority of respondents (64%) considered class 4 gambling machines to be socially undesirable.<sup>102</sup>

**DIA Survey: Respondents' views on socially undesirable activities:  
Non-casino gambling machines**



- Only 1% of adults said that there were any additional forms of gambling that they would like to see in New Zealand. Nearly half of respondents (46%) felt that the number of gambling venues in their area was about right, a further 41% thought there were too many places, and only 1% thought there were not enough places to gamble in the area they lived in.
- Most of the 41% of respondents who thought that there were too many places to gamble in their area said that there were too many gambling machine venues (87%), followed by TABs (20%), Lotto/Keno/Instant Kiwi outlets and casinos (both 14%).
- Over three-quarters of adults said that there should be special laws controlling gambling.
- Over half said preventing criminal activity was a relevant consideration.
- Over a third mentioned restricting opportunities to gamble.

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102 Department of Internal Affairs (2008) Peoples participation in, and attitudes to, gambling, 1985-2005. Wellington: DIA. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from [http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/\\$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Pubforms.nsf/URL/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf/$file/GamblingParticipationSurvey1985-2005.pdf)

- 72% of people believed the role of Government in addressing gambling harm should be extensive.
- Community perception studies undertaken by other territorial authorities also indicate that communities generally hold negative views on gambling, with specific concerns that communities are being seriously damaged by the growth of the gambling industry.<sup>103</sup>
- A Napier survey of residents (October 2009) shows that 82% think there are too many gambling machines.<sup>104</sup> A public survey in Nelson demonstrated overwhelming support for Councils having stronger powers to control the location and number of gambling machines.
- Similarly, a 2010 referendum of 14,386 people in Whanganui resulted in 11,491 people (80%) supporting a reduction of gambling machines.
- Eighteen councils now have adopted a “sinking lid” policy; twenty-two have adopted a sinking lid or a district-wide cap that is below their existing number of venues and machines.<sup>105</sup> It is great that Whanganui District Council is part of this progressive group.

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103 E.g. Nelson, Wanganui, Whanganui, amongst others.

Support for tougher control on pokies. (2011 January 18). The Nelson Mail. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/4552424/Support-for-tougher-controls-on-pokies>

Final results of referendum 10. (2010 October 9). Wanganui District Council Website. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.wanganuireferendum.govt.nz/Results.asp>

McCracken, H. (2010 September 15). \$100,000 a day lost on pokies. Hawke’s Bay Today. Retrieved 29 January 2013 from <http://www.hawkesbaytoday.co.nz/local/news/100000-a-day-lost-on-pokies/3922735/>

104 Napier City Council. (2009). Social Impact Assessment: Class 4 and TAB venues in Napier. Copy available upon request.

105 The strongest sinking lid policies have been adopted by councils such as Auckland, Christchurch City and Kawerau; these policies ban new venues, new machines, and transfers of existing venues or machines. Weak sinking lids (sinking lids that don’t explicitly forbid transfers of pokie machines) exist in Far North, Gisborne, Gore, Hamilton, Gisborne, Horowhenua, Invercargill, Kaipara, Opotiki, Otorohanga, South Waikato, Thames–Coromandel, Waiora, Whanganui, and Whangarei.

It is also worth noting that in effect, Hauraki, Rotorua, Tararua, and Whakatane are currently practicing sinking lid policies; the caps they have set are lower than the current number of pokies in their council areas.

## CONCLUSION

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### Suggested Policy

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As stated at the beginning of this report, the Problem Gambling Foundation recommends that Whanganui District Council maintain a “sinking lid” policy, a district ban on any new class 4 venues and machines, and strengthen it by prohibiting relocations. Whanganui should also restrict new TAB venues as outlined in the proposed TAB Venue Policy.

### Community Outcomes

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- Given the link between availability and accessibility of gambling and problem gambling (and its associated health and crime impacts), a strong “sinking lid policy” is consistent with the Whanganui District Council’s vision statement, “Whanganui leading edge” and identified strategic themes in the 10-Year Plan, particularly:
  - Community – deeply united
  - Creativity – powered by creative smarts
  - Economy – works for everyone

## Closing Thoughts

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- Gambling machines are not a harmless bit of fun for everyone. Gambling machines are addictive and dangerous machines, with harms that have dire consequences in Whanganui. The monetary benefits from gambling are small relative to the high social and health costs which affect communities, families/whanau and individuals.
- Given that access to gambling is necessary for the development of problem gambling, reducing access is key to a public health approach. From a public health perspective, there are already too many gambling machines in Whanganui. The Problem Gambling Foundation urges that the Whanganui District Council maintains a “sinking lid” policy to continue the Council’s work towards the gradual reduction of gambling machine harm in Whanganui.

# Pokies by the numbers in Whanganui District

Based on DIA data current to 30 June 2017

In the last 12 months, **\$10,064,507.17** was lost to pokie machines in Whanganui District - that's 1.16% of the total GMP<sup>1</sup> in New Zealand over that time. Whanganui District has 0.99% of NZ's adult (15+) population.

Whanganui District has **225** pokie machines in **15** venues - that's 1 machine for every 140 adults.

There are an estimated **4,437** pokie users<sup>2</sup> in Whanganui District, each spending an average of **\$2,268.16**. That's nearly 13 weeks' worth of rent<sup>3</sup>.

If you list all TLAs in New Zealand by how much the average pokie user spends each year, Whanganui District is number **22 out of 67**.

### A note on problem gambling prevalence

According to the National Gambling Study<sup>4</sup>, an estimated **2.5% of all New Zealanders** are problem or moderate-risk gamblers. These rates vary by ethnicity, as shown in this table:

Ethnicity	PG/MRG Prevalence
Māori	6.2%
Pacific Islanders	8.0%
Asians	3.0%
European/Other	1.8%

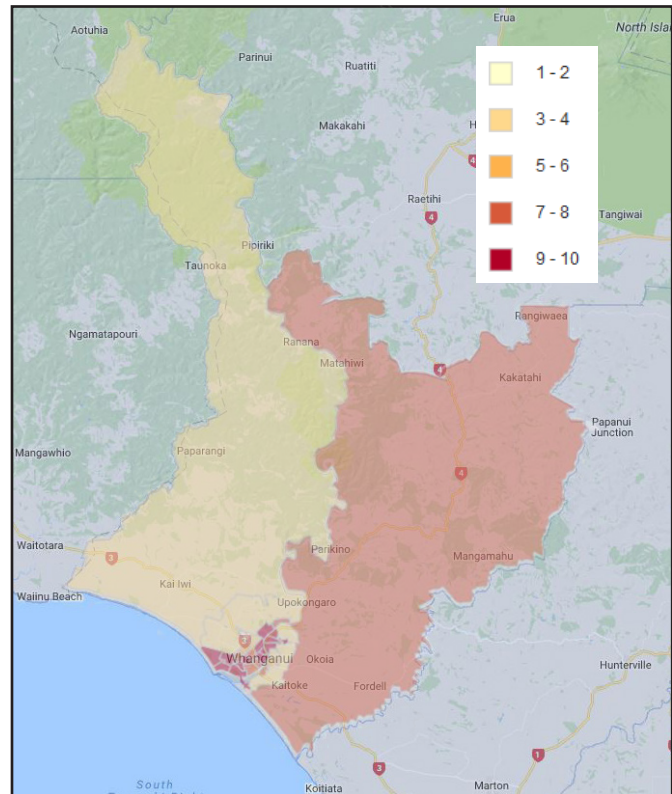
1 Gross machine profit, or the amount wagered minus the amount won.

2 This figure is based on 14% of the adult population, which the National Gambling Study (2014, Abbott et al) found to be the past-year participation rate for EGMs.

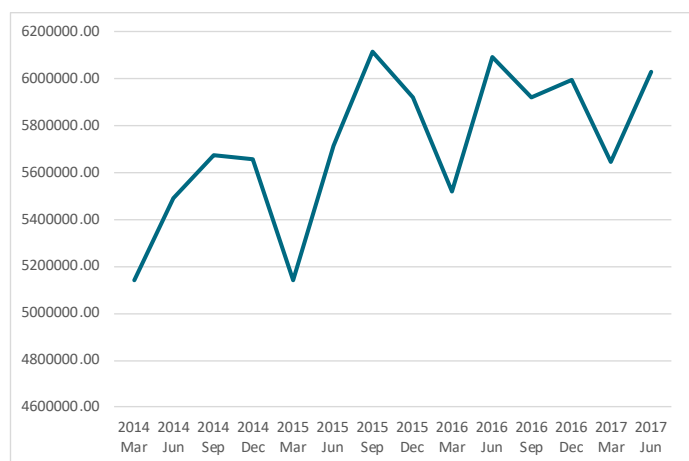
3 Based on Whanganui District median weekly rent; see "QuickStats about Wanganui District".

4 Abbott, M., Bellringer, M., Garrett, N., & Mundy-McPherson, S. (2014). New Zealand 2012 National gambling study: Gambling harm and problem gambling. Wellington: Ministry of Health.

Whanganui District, with Index of Deprivation (NZDep2013) overlaid



Whanganui District GMP, 2013-present



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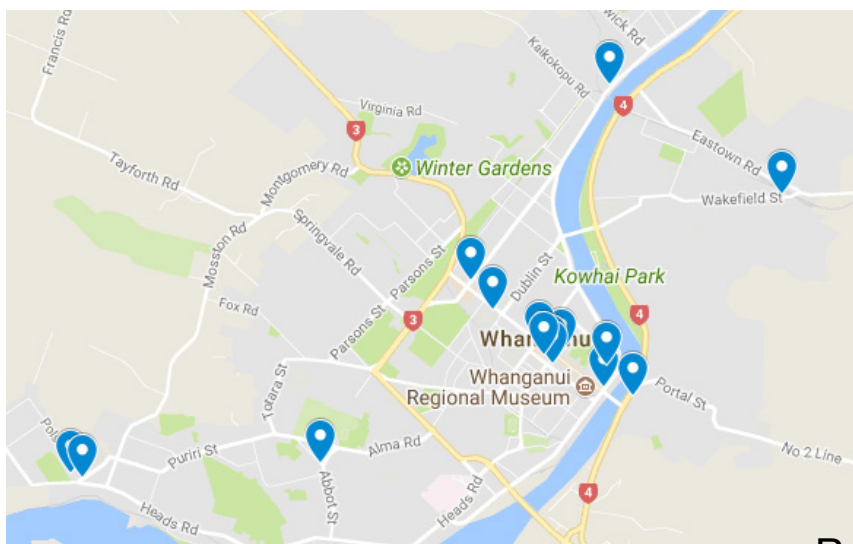
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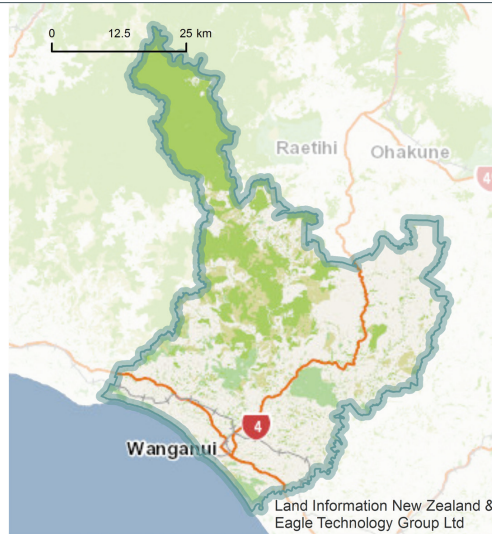
## Whanganui District venue information

Society Name	Venue Name	Venue Address	Number of Gaming Machines
New Zealand Community Trust	Caroline's Boatshed	181 Somme Parade, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	12
Castlecliff Club Inc	Castlecliff Club Inc	4 Tennyson Street, Castlecliff, Whanganui District 4501, New Zealand	15
New Zealand Community Trust	Castlecliff Hotel	1 Polson Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	17
Infinity Foundation Limited	Midtown Motor Inn (Whanganui)	321 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	18
New Zealand Community Trust	Red Lion Inn	45-47 Anzac Parade, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	9
New Zealand Community Trust	Shotz	75 Guyton Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	18
The Lion Foundation (2008)	Sportz Bar	197 Victoria Avenue, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	14
St John's Club Inc	St John's Club	158 Glasgow Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4500, New Zealand	18
New Zealand Community Trust	Stellar Bar	2 Victoria Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	18
New Zealand Racing Board	TAB Wanganui	5b Puriri Street, Gonville, Whanganui District 5001	9
New Zealand Community Trust	Tandoori Spice Bar	88 Guyton Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	18
The Lion Foundation (2008)	The Grand Hotel	99 Guyton Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	9
Wanganui Cosmopolitan Club Inc	Wanganui Cosmopolitan Club	13 Ridgeway Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	14
Wanganui East Club Inc	Wanganui East Club	101 Wakefield Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	18
Wanganui Returned Services Inc	Wanganui RSA	170 St Hill Street, Whanganui, Whanganui District 4540	18





# QuickStats about Wanganui District

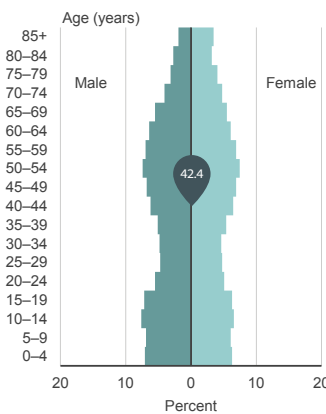


**Total population**  
**42,153** ↓ 1.1% since 2006

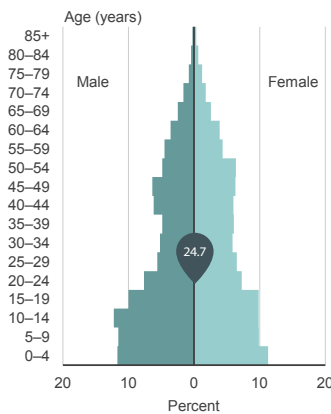
**Māori population**  
**9,141** ↑ 0.1% since 2006

**Total dwellings**  
**19,389** ↑ 4.0% since 2006

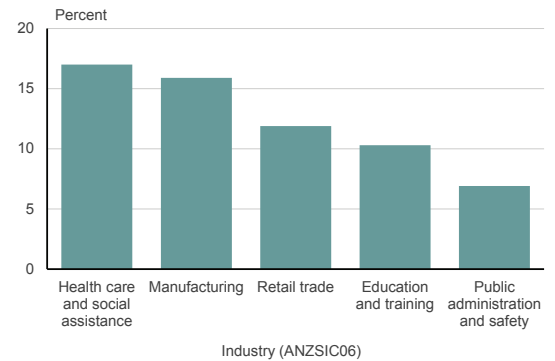
**Age and sex of people**  
 Wanganui District  
 2013 Census



**Age and sex of Māori**  
 Wanganui District  
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**Top five industries in Wanganui District**  
 By employee count  
 For year ended February 2013



## How Wanganui District compares with the national average

### Individuals

Major ethnic groups	Wanganui District	National Average
European	81.8%	74.0%
Māori	23.0%	14.9%
Pacific peoples	2.8%	7.4%
Asian	2.9%	11.8%
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African	0.4%	1.2%
Other	1.9%	1.7%

**Percent born overseas**  
 11.9% vs 25.2%

**Percent of people with a formal qualification\***  
 71.0% vs 79.1%

**Median income\***  
 \$23,600 vs \$28,500

\*For people aged 15 years and over.

**Median income for Māori\***  
 \$19,000 vs \$22,500

### Households

**Percent of households that own their dwelling\***  
 65.8% vs 64.8%

**Median weekly rent**  
 \$180 vs \$280

**Percent of households with internet access**  
 65.0% vs 76.8%

\*Or hold it in a family trust.

This poster summarises results from 2013 Census QuickStats about a place. All results exclude responses that cannot be classified (eg 'not stated', 'response unidentifiable', 'response outside scope'). The data has been randomly rounded to protect confidentiality.

Source: Statistics New Zealand



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SIGNATURE: *J. G. Tamehiana*  
NAME: TE IRIMANA TAMEHIANA  
ADDRESS: 63 PEAR STREET  
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NAME: Puti Tamahana  
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SIGNATURE: AR  
NAME: Aria Reweti  
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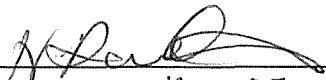
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NAME: NATASHA DOWRY  
ADDRESS: 68 PHOTONIA PLACE, WHANGANUI  
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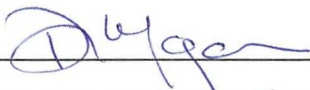
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NAME: DIANA MORGAN  
ADDRESS: 220 Fern Hills Rd Marton  
DATE: 13-10-17

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SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
NAME: C. M. CONNOR  
ADDRESS: 21 MAUNIBOROUGH MARSONA  
DATE: 13/10/17

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SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
NAME: B. Jones  
ADDRESS: 2 TANUHI ST RDg Whanganui  
DATE: 11/10/17



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I Do  
SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
NAME: Teaia Menahan  
ADDRESS: 10 Kaitiaki St, Whanganui  
DATE: 13/10/17

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Pub

SIGNATURE: 

NAME: PAUL BARBER

ADDRESS: 194B Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui - Ph 02041066610

DATE: 11/10/2017

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SIGNATURE: Tumanako Haami J. Deami  
NAME: Tumanako Haami  
ADDRESS: 1140 RANGIORA STREET CASTLECLIFF  
DATE: WHANGANUI

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*Awhi oia Whanganui*

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SIGNATURE: *Abraham Q.S.O.*

NAME: *Hiabura Abraham*

ADDRESS: *No 1a Baylye / 2. Baylye Street Wairua*

DATE: *11/10/2017*

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SIGNATURE: V. Thompson

NAME: Vanessa Thompson

ADDRESS: 44 Nixon Street

DATE: 12-10-2017

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SIGNATURE: Phil Smith  
NAME: PHIL SMITH  
ADDRESS: 42A TAWA ST  
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NAME: Tanya Janihana

ADDRESS: 57 Campbell St. Whanganui

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NGAHINA GARDNER

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

48 LIVERPOOL ST

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE: Sharon

NAME: Sharon Cronbie

ADDRESS: 10a Rata St, Whanganui

DATE: 12/10/2017.

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NAME: Tracy Janora  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SIGNATURE: J. Wakefield

NAME: Josh. W

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11-10-17

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SIGNATURE: Alaska  
NAME: Alaska Dobbs  
ADDRESS: 11 Gunn St Conville Whanganui  
DATE: 12.10.17

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SIGNATURE: A Peet  
NAME: James Peet  
ADDRESS: 911 River Road Parikino Whanganui  
DATE: 11/10/2017

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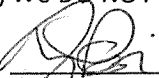
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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: 911 river road  
ADDRESS: Papikuria  
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NAME: Nicole Dryden  
ADDRESS: 56 Virginia Rd Whanganui 4500  
DATE: 11/10/2017

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# Gambling Sub: 53

To:  
The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637  
WHANGANUI 4540

## I/We support the following statements

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: Gina Mahi  
NAME: Gina Mahi  
ADDRESS: 42 Mitchell St Whanganui  
DATE: 11.10.2017

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ADDRESS: 5.100.11000  
DATE: 11/09/17

**SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017**

**Gambling sub: 054**

To:  
The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637  
WHANGANUI 4540

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

I/We DO or I/~~We~~ DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: *Sandy Taylor*  
NAME: Sandy Taylor  
ADDRESS: 5. Tui Place  
DATE: 11/09/17

**SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017**

**Gambling Sub: 55**

To:

The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637  
WHANGANUI 4540

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

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I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: *Riana Totaka*

NAME: *Riana Totaka*

ADDRESS: *4 Stupa place Sunnyvale Auckland*

DATE: *11-10-17*

**SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017**

**Gambling Sub: 56**

To:  
The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637  
WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: *Pathann Potata*  
NAME: *Pathann Potata*  
ADDRESS: *18 Grey Street Raetihi*  
DATE: *11.10.17*

SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017

Gambling Sub: 57

To:  
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Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637  
WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: M L Saurao  
NAME: Martene Jo Arora Saurao  
ADDRESS: 46 - Flat 2, Hinua St Whanganui  
DATE: 12.10.17

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Gambling Sub: 58

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments That not having any locations means there can be no temptation to make or gain more money in their household.

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SIGNATURE: D Docherty  
NAME: Desiree Docherty  
ADDRESS: 7 Tanariki Place, Rotorua.  
DATE: 12-10-17

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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: Sharon Rowan  
ADDRESS: 38 Nixon Street, Whanganui East, Whanganui  
DATE: 12 October 2017

SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017

Gambling Sub: 60

To:  
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Whanganui District Council  
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WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: Courtnay Forlong  
NAME: Courtnay Forlong  
ADDRESS: 937 no.2 line, Fordell, Whanganui  
DATE: 11th October 2017



**SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017**

**Gambling Sub: 61**

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Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637

WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: Anna Colman  
NAME: 35 Broadhead Ave  
ADDRESS: Tawhero Whanganui  
DATE: 11/10/12

SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017

Gambling Sub: 62

To:

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WHANGANUI 4540

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE: *AJ Clancy*  
NAME: *Stafford John Plumridge*  
ADDRESS: *66 Lincoln Rd, Springvale, Whanganui*  
DATE: *12.10.2017*

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**Gambling Sub: 63**

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WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: Raimata Nepia-Poweti  
NAME: Raimata Nepia-Poweti  
ADDRESS: 04 photinia place, Aramoho  
DATE: 13 October 2017

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**Gambling Sub: 64**

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WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ J. EARL

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ 42 Juapiro Road Katikati

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 13/10/17

**SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017**

To:

**Gambling Sub: 65**

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

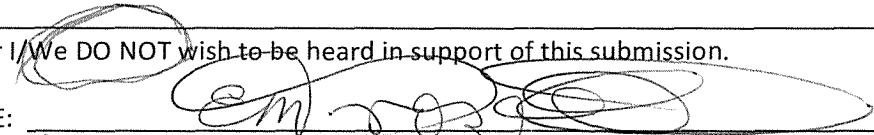
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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: ELISEA-H-PROUSE  
ADDRESS: 19 Liverpool St Whanganui 4500  
DATE: 13-10-2017

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Gambling Sub: 67

To:  
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I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: Whairiri Renata Nikora  
NAME: WHAIRIRI RENATA NIKORA  
ADDRESS: 27 KARLYN ST Kai Ihu A Ikupe, Whanganui  
DATE: 16-10-2017

To:

The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637

WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: Joe Taiaroa

NAME: Joe TAIAROA

ADDRESS: 36 Hakeke ST

DATE: 16/10/2017



SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017  
Gambling Sub: 69

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments

Gambling isn't the way to go for anyone but sadly  
it happens. The more you give the more they seem to  
want a quick fix. None all been there at one time.

I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: J P Juroa-Browne

NAME: Jacqui Pave - Juroa-Browne

ADDRESS: 27 Karim Street

DATE: 16-10-2017

SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017

Gambling Sub: 70

To:  
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We would also like to make the additional comments Although Whanganui no longer has a 'pub charity' machine & no longer supports the ability to provide fund raising charities, I support this effort.

We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: H. Kirk  
NAME: Hara Kirk  
ADDRESS: 56 Wiktoria Rd., Putiki, Whanganui 4501  
DATE: 16/10/17

SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017

Gambling Sub: 71

To:

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments Families are suffering  
mental, physical, spiritual abuse, the machines are  
getting feed & the kids & Families are gang hungry  
& homeless.

I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: O Kawana  
NAME: Olivia Kawana  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 16.10.20

Gambling Sub: 72

To:  
The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637  
WHANGANUI 4540

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

*This continues to be an issue ~~what~~ for our community, I challenge the Council and Community providers to look at other ways of reducing the harm caused by these machines.*

I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: *Jamie Procter.*  
ADDRESS: *10 Stafford Street*  
DATE: *12.10.17.*

SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017

Gambling Sub: 73

To:  
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I/We would also like to make the additional comments Pokie machines are  
a trap for our people into gambling!

I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
NAME: Rini Nikita-Herangi  
ADDRESS: 8 Plunket St,  
DATE: 11/10/2017.

**SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017**

**Gambling Sub: 74**


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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: Peter Condo  
ADDRESS: 46B Mangamohu Rd  
DATE: 15/10/17

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
*Heena Harford*  
*2 Herworth Place*  
*12/10/17*

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**Gambling Sub: 76**

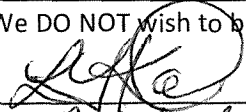
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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: Lee Ashford  
ADDRESS: 282 Stafford St  
DATE: 12.10.2017

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**Gambling Sub: 77**

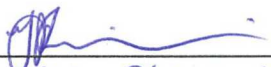
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SIGNATURE:  \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Tahupetiki Pikimani \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: 15 Waipounamu St Raiona \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 12-10-17 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Gambling Sub: 78**

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SIGNATURE: Beckham  
NAME: Kiviana Beckham  
ADDRESS: 55 Keith Street, Whanganui  
DATE: 12/10/2017

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Gambling Sub: 79

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SIGNATURE: Ethel Muir  
NAME: 2 Hurworth Place Whanganui  
ADDRESS: Ethel Muir  
DATE: 12.10.2017

Gambling Sub: 80

To:  
The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
PO Box 637  
WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Lee Anne Mearns  
ADDRESS: 85 Keith St  
DATE: 11.10.17

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Gambling Sub: 81

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Whanganui District Council  
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WHANGANUI 4540

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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~~I/We DO~~ or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: K. Wilkie  
NAME: Kin Wilkie  
ADDRESS: 1412 Guyton Street  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

To:  
The Chief Executive,  
Whanganui District Council  
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WHANGANUI 4540

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments I support merger of clubs  
as it can be contained at one venue.

~~I/We DO~~ I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: 

NAME: Cheyli Rogers

ADDRESS: 97 Surrey Road, Whanganui

DATE: 12 OCT 17.

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To:

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SIGNATURE: 

NAME: Marilyn Tamakehu

ADDRESS: 3912 Whanganui River Road, RD 6, Whanganui 4576

DATE: 12.10.17

To:  
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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: Ngareka Williams  
ADDRESS: 191 Great north RD. Whangarei  
DATE: 12-10-17



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**Gambling Sub: 85**

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments Gambling is a risk and it also leaves the person feeling exhilarated when they win and very depressed when they lose.

~~I/We DO or I/We DO NOT~~ wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Gambling Sub: 86**

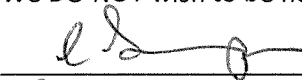
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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: C. Thompson  
ADDRESS: 2 Photinia Pl Aramoho.  
DATE: 12/10/17

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# Gambling Sub: 87

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SIGNATURE: C. Fearley  
NAME: Clare Fearley  
ADDRESS: 16 Parsons St Whanganui 4501  
DATE: 11/10/17

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**Gambling Sub: 88**

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments

I think its a marvelous idea but there  
is also online gambling. JS

I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: H. Nelson

NAME: Harata Nelson

ADDRESS: 20 Ratana rd

DATE: 11/10/17

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SIGNATURE: LMO.

NAME: Mel Manicapa

ADDRESS: 26 Lincoln Road

DATE: 13/10/2017

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**Gambling Sub: 90**

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SIGNATURE: J. Kanar  
NAME: Leonie Hetet - Kanar  
ADDRESS: 323 Somme Parade / Camilla Ave, Whanganui  
DATE: 13.10.2017

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**Gambling Sub: 91**

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SIGNATURE: Te Uirirama Gardiner TG  
NAME: Te Uirirama Gardiner  
ADDRESS: 51 Surrey Road Whanganui  
DATE: 16/10/17

# Gambling Sub: 92

To:

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Whanganui District Council  
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SIGNATURE: [Handwritten Signature]  
NAME: Vanessa Perry  
ADDRESS: 30 Bunters Rd Whanganui  
DATE: 16 October 2017

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SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Dave Puhoroana

ADDRESS: 7 Madras Street Aramoho

DATE: 17-10-2017

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**Gambling Sub: 94**

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SIGNATURE: Evelyn Hiri-Cush  
NAME: Evelyn Hiri-Cush  
ADDRESS: 14 Pouatini Street  
DATE: 16 October 2017

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**Gambling Sub: 95**

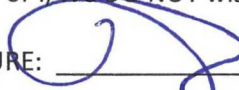
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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: Jordan Rees  
ADDRESS: 44 London St  
DATE: 16/10/17

# Gambling Sub: 96

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WHANGANUI 4540

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SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
NAME: Pania Millar  
ADDRESS: 13a Carlton Ave  
DATE: 16.10.17

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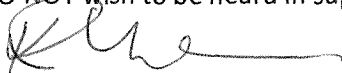
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SIGNATURE: 

NAME: Kelly McLean

ADDRESS: 17 Brunswick Rd

DATE: 16.10.17

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I/We would also like to make the additional comments  
in Whanganui close all gambling outlets

I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: B. J. Rameka  
NAME: Carol Tyson Rameka  
ADDRESS: 2B Tui Place, Grenville 4501 Whanganui  
DATE: 16-10-2017

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Gambling Sub: 99

To:

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I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: Melinda Dewes  
NAME: Melinda Dewes  
ADDRESS: 281 Collico drive R.D.1. Marton  
DATE: 12/10/2017

# Gambling Sub: 100

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SIGNATURE: BRIAN ELLIOTT  
NAME: BRIAN ELLIOTT  
ADDRESS: 37 EDITH COLLIER DRIVE, OTAHATEA WHANGANUI  
DATE: 12/10/2017



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I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

SIGNATURE: Margaret Waitai  
NAME: MARGARET WAITAI  
ADDRESS: 77 HARRISON STREET, WHANGANUI 4500  
DATE: 12.10.2017

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Gambling Sub: 102

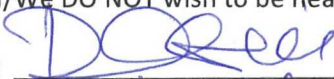
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I/We would also like to make the additional comments Tau Toko submissions  
and above.

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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: Desiree McLean  
ADDRESS: 87 Moana Street  
DATE: 16 October 2017


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SIGNATURE:   
NAME: Chris Menace  
ADDRESS: 412 Featherston Street, Palmerston North  
DATE: 16/10/17

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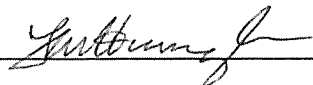
To:  
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I/We DO or I/We DO NOT wish to be heard in support of this submission.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: 584F Kawharu Road RD 5 Whanganui  
DATE: 16/10/17

**SUBMISSION ON WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING "POKIE" VENUE POLICY 2017**  
**Gambling Sub: 105**

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NAME: 911 river road

ADDRESS: Papikuria

DATE: 11th Oct 2017

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close them all down / money needs to be  
spent wisely

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Because of the privacy act at Bottom  
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Buying Lotto Tickets.

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10 million out of the community

Gambling Sub: 110

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