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Witness: *SENATOR MITCH FIFIELD*

Organisation:

The Hon Natasha Fyles MLA
 Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
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Lottoland Australia Proprietary Limited

Dear Minister *Natasha*

I am writing in relation to Lottoland Australia Proprietary Limited ('Lottoland'). I understand that Lottoland is a provider of online gambling services licenced in the Northern Territory.

A number of stakeholders and parliamentary colleagues have raised concerns with me about Lottoland. In summary, these concerns are that Lottoland:

- is a 'fake' lottery which is misleading customers who believe they are buying a ticket in the official lottery draw;
- does not have sufficient funds to pay out prizes, in particular massive jackpots offered in lottery draws operated in the United States, Europe and other countries;
- provides a risky product that could exacerbate problem gambling in Australia;
- employs few staff located in Australia;
- pays little to no Commonwealth, state or territory taxes, product or licence fees;
- is siphoning taxation revenue from other Australian jurisdictions which otherwise would be used to provide government services to the community; and
- is adversely impacting thousands of news agencies across Australia who rely on commissions from sales of official lottery products.

As Lottoland is the holder of a licence in your jurisdiction, I would appreciate your advice and response to these concerns, including seeking assurances from your regulator on the above matters.

I look forward to hearing from you in relation to this matter at your earliest convenience,

Yours sincerely *[Signature]*

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Dear Senator

I refer to your letter of 18 September 2017 in relation to NT licensed sports bookmaker Lottoland Australia Pty Ltd (Lottoland).

Lottoland holds a sports bookmaker licence issued by the NT Racing Commission, an independent statutory authority that operates as an administrative and quasi-judicial tribunal with powers to regulate the racing and betting industries in the NT.

I note and share the concerns raised in your letter. These matters are being investigated and I will provide further advice in response to your request once those inquiries are complete.

Yours sincerely

NATASHA FYLES

10 OCT 2017