

23 November 2017



Mr Gerry McNally  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Select Committee into the Political Influence of Donations

By email: [politicaldonations.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:politicaldonations.sen@aph.gov.au)

Dear Mr McNally

**RE: Motivation behind political donations**

I refer to your letter dated 6 November 2017 and respond to your questions on behalf of Crown Resorts Limited (**Crown**) as follows:

1. Could you outline the reasons why you make political donations?

Crown makes donations to registered political parties to support the democratic and electoral process in Australia. Given the cost of election campaigns, registered political parties in Australia rely heavily on donations in order to communicate their messages and policies to the Australian public. Crown discloses all donations and fully supports a transparent disclosure system.

2. What, if any, other activities do you undertake as well as making political donations?

In addition to making monetary contributions to registered political parties, Crown's Executives also try to attend policy briefings and round table discussions.

3. Why do you donate to political parties?

Crown makes donations to registered political parties to support the democratic and electoral process in Australia.

4. What improved outcomes for your shareholders do you expect from donations and any other similar activities?

Crown does not expect the monetary contributions made to registered political parties to have any outcomes for shareholders.

As stated above, Crown, like many other major corporations across Australia, makes donations to registered political parties to support the democratic and electoral process in Australia.

5. Does the legislative timetable influence the extent and timeliness of your donations?

The extent and timeliness of donations made by Crown to registered political parties are not influenced by the legislative timetable.

Yours sincerely

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