

6 August 2008

Mr Elton Humphrey  
Committee Secretary  
Community Affairs Committee  
Department of the Senate  
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Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Mr Humphrey

Thank you for your letter of 1 July 2008 to Tabcorp's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Elmer Funke Kupper, inviting Tabcorp to make a submission to the Community Affairs Committee's inquiry into the Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008.

On 13 June 2008, Tabcorp lodged a submission with the Committee on the Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008. The issues raised in this submission are relevant to the Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008. Therefore, we ask that our 13 June submission be taken into account by the Committee when it deliberates on both Bills.

With regard to the second Bill, we reiterate the points made in our original submission:

- Gambling is a legitimate form of entertainment, enjoyed by many Australians each year and the majority of people who gamble do so responsibly and within their means.
- Regulation must balance the objective of protecting problem gamblers with the need to ensure recreational gamblers can continue to choose to enjoy this activity.
- In our view, the Bill alters the gaming machine product to such an extent that it would cease to be enjoyable for the vast majority of players who are responsible gamblers.
- The legislative and regulatory frameworks established by state and territory governments have got the balance right when it comes to regulation of the gaming machine industry. Further imposts on this already heavily regulated industry are unnecessary.

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