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Inquiry into online gambling

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing in response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs inquiry into on online gambling.

To assist the inquiry, I have **attached** a table summarising the various controls in place at the state/territory and federal jurisdictions for retail and on-line gambling.

Hotels do not offer on-line gambling but instead are licenced to offer gambling on premise in a retail environment. Gambling in hotels is offered in three main ways; TAB, electronic gaming, and Keno. Each of these forms of gambling within hotels are bound by a range of state and territory regulations. Often these regulations apply to the other main venues for retail gambling including places such as clubs, racecourses and casinos.

In essence, hotels don't promote gambling on free to air television or radio. External advertising on the venues is quite static and limited (e.g., TAB, Gaming). Importantly, any advertising of gambling odds (e.g., Sky Racing TV) is limited to areas in hotels that children are not permitted to enter. Hotels might also promote some forms of entertainment via direct communication to patrons such as online newsletters. However, patrons have the opportunity to unsubscribe at any time.

I am available to assist with any questions.

Your faithfully,

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