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Please indicate which meeting you would like to make a submission to by selecting the appropriate button: * Future Melbourne Committee meeting

Date of meeting: * Tuesday 17 October 2017

Agenda item title: * 6.3 Planning Permit Application: TP-2017-407, 19-23 Errol Street, North Melbourne

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Future Melbourne Committee Agenda Item 6.3

19-23 Errol St, North Melbourne

Chair of Planning Committee, Lord Mayor, and Councillors

I am unable to attend the FMC meeting, but I would like the following submission taken into account prior to making a decision.

19-23 Errol St contains two retail premises, Chemist Warehouse and Equilibrium. The application and the Officer Report does not appear to cover the Equilibrium portions of the building.

Reference was not found as to whether the majority of the Equilibrium signs and building cladding have planning permits. The Equilibrium signs include the broad fascia sign, the red cladding to the façade, both similar to Chemist Warehouse, but also the above fascia real estate sign [very out of keeping with the heritage streetscape] and the various banners attached to the façade. 19-23 Errol St is illustrated with the following sequence of photos, 1985-2017.

1985

The following is the building when graded C in the 1985 Urban Conservation Study. No signage is visible.



Building Identification Sheet 1985

Date Unknown – Source Google Street View

Signage from previous use - Salvos. Blank "Real Estate" Type Sign added. Unknown whether a permit exists for out of keeping Real Estate sign.



2016

New signage for both Chemist Warehouse and Equilibrium. "Real Estate" Type Gym sign added.



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Additional Signage, and Real Estate Board image has changed. Additional Banner signs for Equilibrium added. Unknown if permits exist for these signs.



2017

Detail of signage and lighting under canopy.



Summary of Position

The Officer's recommendation to significantly reduce the area of signage is supported.

I consider that the garish colours of yellow, blue and red used on the building façade must be removed to ensure that the heritage building is respected.

All elements of signage to the building which are not part of the permit, or previously issued permits, should be removed.

In the case that NO permits exist for the Equilibrium signage, the City of Melbourne should require the Equilibrium fascia sign to be reduced in size, and the red cladding to the façade removed, and the "real estate" signage be removed.

For the Chemist Warehouse signage, the application raises a broader consideration as to how the City of Melbourne heritage policy might be more appropriately worded to address the application of signage from franchised companies. It would appear that no consideration of the heritage policy was applied by the company in the decision to manufacture and install these signs. The City of Melbourne could undertake an education campaign within the heritage commercial areas within the municipality to avoid such a repeat situation.

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Agenda item title: 6.4 Planning Scheme Amendment C307: Gaming Policy

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I am a former City of Melbourne councillor who now works part-time for The Alliance for Gambling Reform which is pleased to see council proposing a planning scheme amendment to progress its gaming policies.

In light of the legislation currently before State Parliament, we would welcome councillors supporting a supplementary motion to item 6.4 which encouraged the State Government to slow down the current process of pokies licence renewal and instead conduct a comprehensive Parliamentary inquiry, possibly supplemented by a citizen jury, into the appropriate legislative framework for poker machine regulation over the next 25 years.

Tasmania is the only other Australian state that doesn't have perpetual pokies licences. It has just completed a comprehensive Parliamentary inquiry.

The current Victorian pokies licences don't expire until August 2022, just a few weeks before the 2022 state election. There is no need to rush through legislation for premature licence renewal before Christmas 2017 and we would welcome City of Melbourne's support in advocating for delay and substantial amendments, in addition to the excellent progress proposed with the new gambling policy and planning scheme amendment up for discussion tonight.

In relation to the specifics of the report, we believe it would be enhanced if annual poker machines losses at Crown Melbourne were publicly disclosed so there was a more accurate picture of poker machine harm within the City of Melbourne's boundaries.

I would like to address the committee on both the contents of the report before the committee and the possibility of a supplementary motion to address the current legislation before State Parliament.

Yours Sincerely

Stephen Mayne

Communications Adviser

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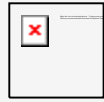
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Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Dear City of Melbourne Councillors,

My name is Anna Bardsley and I'm a 68 year old pensioner whose life was ripped apart by a poker machine addiction over many years.

My life had been difficult for many years, two of my five children had died and my marriage was failing. I went to the pokies to 'get away from it all', but soon found that I couldn't escape their pull.

I am not alone with my story of harm, suffering and loss, because of the dangerous and addictive poker machines which are available right across Victoria under the rules set by Victorian legislation.

I was a "lay witness" in the recent Federal Court case brought by Shonica Guy, Maurice Blackburn and Ron Merkel QC against Crown Melbourne and pokies manufacturer Aristocrat, which alleged that their addictive poker machines are deliberately misleading and deceptive, in breach of Australian consumer law.

Unfortunately, Crown and Aristocrat used every tactic available to them under the legal process to prevent myself, Shonica and four others harmed by poker machines, from having their say in court.

You can read our affidavits on the [Federal Court website](#) or here are the direct links:

[Libby Mitchell affidavit](#) - 7 pages

[Shonica Guy affidavit](#) - 7 pages

[Kate Somerville affidavit](#) - 7 pages

[Conny McLaughlin](#) - 9 pages

[Anna Bardsley affidavit](#) - 9 pages

[Robert Ingmire affidavit](#) - 5 pages

A lot of the victims of the poker machines industry are women and all too often their voices are not heard.

I would like to be heard at the City of Melbourne committee meeting on August 17, 2017 when you discuss the proposed planning scheme amendment associated with council's updated gaming policy.

Some of you may be familiar with my story from [this recent ABC documentary](#) about gambling called "You can't ask that".

I know the pokies industry has a huge amount of influence, is even feared in some political quarters and has high level access to political decision-makers.

But before the State Government commits to another \$70 billion of pokies losses by 2042, please take some time to meet with and hear from some of us who have been harmed by pokies. We would also like some access and to be heard.

The Government has introduced legislation proposing to extend the licences for poker machines in Victoria to operate until 2042. I would like to see City of Melbourne support the delay of this legislation, potentially through a supplementary motion after consideration of item 6.4 at tonight's

committee meeting. There is certainly no need to rush this legislation – in fact the current ten year licences don't expire until August 2022, just a few weeks before the 2022 State Election!

I believe that a cross-party Parliamentary inquiry into gambling regulation, similar to what has just occurred in Tasmania (see final [211 page report](#)), would be appropriate before any long term legislation is passed.

Ideally, that cross-party committee should be informed by advice from a well-constructed and neutrally constituted citizen jury of ordinary Victorians selected by lot to deliberate on the question of how poker machines should be regulated across the state.

The Parliamentary inquiry would also give those harmed by poker machines an opportunity to be heard before they make any decision to lock in the annual \$2.6 billion in pokies losses in Victoria, which exacts a terrible toll on families and communities through increased family violence, crime, homelessness and financial penury, as I can attest.

Sadly, Australians are the world's biggest gamblers per capita. We lose \$23 billion each year. We have 400 gambling-related suicides nationally each year. Against this unacceptable background, I believe the proposed legislation needs to be substantially amended to include measures which will genuinely reduce gambling harm.

As someone who used to bet the maximum amount possible during long gambling binges that often finished at the 3am closing time, I urge you to consider passing a motion which encourages the State Parliament to introduce key reforms such as the following:

A reduction in the maximum bet from \$5 to \$1, as recommended by the Productivity Commission.

A reduction in trading hours so that venues must close for at least 10 hours a day.

Adoption of the Tasmanian best practice of a \$200 daily limit on EFTPOS withdrawals at venues.

Similarly, it would be terrific if City of Melbourne supported the three pokies related motions which are on the agenda for this Friday's MAV state council meeting.

I look forward to addressing you tonight.

Yours sincerely

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Council meeting

Date of meeting: * Tuesday 17 October 2017

Agenda item title: Gambling Regulation Amendment (Gaming Machine Arrangements) Bill 2017.

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Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. We encourage you to make your submission as early as possible.

I have had a lived experience with poker machine addiction and subsequently spent many years working providing support for others trying to rebuild their lives. For over 17 years I have been sharing my story openly and honestly to initiate a stronger stand on minimising harm caused by especially poker machines.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheProjectTV/videos/10154937954528441/>

Unlike the State Government, councils are not conflicted by the tax revenues which flow from poker machine losses.

Local government can be at the forefront of reform and I very much welcome the measures proposed in item 6.4 tonight with the Planning Scheme Amendment C307 to adopt a new Gaming Policy.

Knowing on a personal level the devastation this product causes to so many people I would like Melbourne City

Council to take a stand and pass a motion to urge the state government to support

1. A reduction in the maximum bet from \$5 to \$1, as recommended by the Productivity Commission.
2. A reduction in trading hours so that venues must close for at least 10 hours a day.
3. Adoption of the Tasmanian best practice of a \$200 daily limit on EFTPOS withdrawals at venues.

I would like to briefly address the committee tonight on what you are proposing and some of the other excellent initiatives which the local government sector has done to promote gambling reform.

You Sincerely

Gabriela Byrne

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Agenda item title: * 7.1 Post travel report by Councillor Susan Riley, Chengdu, China, August 2017

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Dear City of Melbourne meeting group team

This is a written response in regards to Agenda Item 7.1 Post travel report by Councillor Susan Riley, Chengdu, China, August 2017. Councillor Susan Riley should be applauded for helping firm up relations between Melbourne and Chengdu. It is important to have strong and cordial ties with China and in particular Chengdu and Sichuan Province. Bravo Cr Riley

Best regards

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