
MITCHELL SHIRE COUNCIL

Special Hearings Committee Meeting Attachment

GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

5 JUNE 2017

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**SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 DRAFT
BUDGET AND STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN
2018-2021**

Attachment No: 6

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David Turnbull, CEO
City of Mitchell

Dear Mr Turnbull,

Re: Submission on the proposed 2017 / 2018 budget

The Alliance for Gambling Reform is writing to the Council regarding the budget for the 2017 / 2018 financial year.

The Alliance for Gambling Reform is working with over 20 councils across Victoria, to build public support for stronger state laws that prevent gambling harm and enable councils to better represent their communities when faced with EGM applications.

In 2014-2015, the 228 poker machines in the City of Mitchell took \$16.4 million from residents. On average, each poker machine in Mitchell takes \$87,000 each year – over 2 times the average income for residents of this city.

Clubs are important part of our culture, but poker machines are not. In Victoria, only 6 cents in every dollar lost on poker machines is returned to the wider community, as gifts, donations, sponsorships, volunteer expenses or support for veterans.

The Alliance works closely with the VLGA and MAV on these issues and would love to partner with the City of Mitchell to strengthen your work, and enhance your capacity to deliver on your Gambling Policy Framework.

With partner organisations, and leaders including Rev Tim Costello, Dr Susan Rennie and Hon. Kelvin Thomson, the Alliance has a strong track record in securing extensive media coverage, public engagement campaigns, and political advocacy.

Our Leadership Group of Local Governments are supporting the work of the Alliance with a contribution of \$25,000 which allows us to increase our impact. The Leadership Group of councils in 2017 / 2018 is currently;

City of Brimbank
City of Darebin
Hume City Council

City of Melbourne
City of Monash
City of Moreland

City of Whittlesea
Wyndham City
City of Yarra

We hope that the City of Mitchell will consider joining the Leadership Group of councils by making a \$25,000 contribution so that we can work closely together in 2017 / 2018. If you have any questions or would like a presentation to council, please contact Kelvin Thomson on 0458 750 700.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Mohr", written in a cursive style.

Tony Mohr
Executive Director
Alliance for Gambling Reform