

Council's Response to Formal Written Submissions – Maroondah Gambling Policy 2018

#	Submitter	Written Submission (key points)	Council Comments	Action
1	Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)	Reframing of elements of the Policy contextual sections to ensure gambling is not seen as normalised behaviour.	Agreed. Relevant changes made.	Changes incorporated
		Removal of the phrase 'maximise benefits' from policy commitments	Agreed. Policy commitment #2 has been amended.	Changes incorporated
		inclusion of an action relating to minimising exposure to gaming venues by community groups and organisations	Noted. Not practical to pursue.	No change
2	Alliance for Gambling Reform	Inclusion of new action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council committing to not receive gambling funds 	Noted. Not practical to pursue. Whilst this is an unlikely scenario Council reserves its right to assess the net community benefit of any funding proposal	No change
		Inclusion of new action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council committing to undertake anti-gaming advocacy campaigns in Maroondah 	Noted. Council has recently provided a 20K financial contribution to the work of the Alliance for Gambling Reform to assist with advocacy campaigns.	No change
		Inclusion of new action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council committing to not accepting any more pokies on Council land 	Noted. Support the intent however not practical to pursue.	No change
		Inclusion of new action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council using its leverage to reduce community group reliance on gambling venues and gambling activities (eg other Councils have policies that prevent groups that receive money from or take outings to gambling venues from applying for community grants). 	Noted. Support the intent however not practical to pursue.	No change
		Inclusion of new action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council committing to not partnering with or investing in the infrastructure of organisations that operate or profit from pokies. 	Noted. Support the intent however not practical to pursue	No change
		Inclusion of new action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council not using pokies venues or allowing council resources to be used for access to, or promotion of gambling (eg "no gambling outings" policy) 	Noted. Support the intent however not practical to pursue	No change