



April 24, 2018

Dear Mayor and City Council Colleagues,

Re: Communication on EX33.2 Expanded Gaming and Woodbine – Further Information

As we continue our discussion into the future community benefits to be drawn from gaming expansion at Woodbine, I would like to bring to your attention an additional piece of feedback from The Retailers Association in Australia which shows how poker gambling machines have negatively contributed to the retail sector within the country, with funds being distributed into gambling, instead of into the retail stream.

I have attached this article to my letter for your review and consideration.

Thank you,

Councillor Mike Layton
Ward 19, Trinity-Spadina



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MEDIA RELEASE

110 Pokies per Australian

Driscoll: "Retailers Could Cut Unemployment in Without Pokies Scurge"

Monday, 18 January 2010

Scott Driscoll, National Executive Director of **The Retailers Association** has called on Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to intervene and curtail the States drunk on Pokies revenue, for sake of job creation, if protecting families wasn't enough.

"With Australia now in the **"World's Top 10"** poker machine countries, with a Fokie per 110 Australians, we are killing off and industry, so that our Governments can get fat on Pokies blood money at the expense of lives and jobs," said Mr Driscoll.

"As well as families suffering more with the growth of Pokies numbers across Australia, the retail sector suffers dramatically also as the Pokies plague spreads. People who can least afford pour their wages down the throats of Pokies, in turn reduce spending on food, clothes and household essentials for their families. This has been a serious retail trend since Pokies emerged in Australia," said Mr Driscoll.

"Most of the **\$10Billion** that now goes into Pokies each year Australia used to be spent across the retail sector. It used to support the creation of real jobs," said Mr Driscoll.

"If we wiped out Pokies overnight and returned that same **\$10Billion** to where it used to be spent we would have the unemployment rate in Australia tomorrow and could create **303,000 new retail jobs**," said Mr Driscoll.

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