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To Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA),

**RE: Club Marconi Application 1-6476891251
Macarthur Community and Sporting Club, 2a Porrende St, Narellan, 2567**

Camden Residents' Action Group opposes the above application to licence 150 electronic gaming machines (EGMs). We are concerned that the community, which research indicates is harmed by poker machine accessibility, has not been consulted about the application. As a long standing community group we are alarmed that we only became aware of it by accident.

As will be explained in our submission below we dispute or seriously question statements and claims made within the *Local Impact Assessment of Additional Gaming Machines (LIA)*.

No net benefit to the community has been demonstrated through the LIA and we strongly disagree with or seriously question these claims in the LIA about poker machines delivering community welfare outcomes:

- *additional EGMs will provide benefit to the Proposed Club's local community (p. 5);*
- *the Proposed Club will provide much needed services and that a variety of facilities and services, will not be available to the residents of Narellan and the Camden LGA if the Application is not granted (p. 7);*
- *the Applicant has an arrangement with Camden Council in relation to Narellan Sports Hub¹ (p.8).*

¹ Camden Council *Narellan Sports Hub* Available at <https://www.camden.nsw.gov.au/major-developments/major-council-projects/narellan-sports-hub/>

We also consider that there are regulatory impediments to the approval of the application and dispute the following claims:

- *Harrington Grove West is a "new development area" within 1 km of the Proposed Club (p.11);*
- *Harrington Grove West lacks the "full benefit of the services and facilities of the kind provided by clubs" and the adjacent area and the local community within 5 kilometres of the Proposed Club do not have the full benefit of the services and facilities of the kind provided by registered clubs (pp. 11, 12).*

Our detailed submission explaining why we oppose the application on the above grounds follows under the headings of Community Welfare and Regulatory Impediments.

Yours sincerely,



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President