

Municipal Association of Victoria

Questions on Notice Response : Parliamentary Inquiry into the Regulation of Gambling and Liquor and Reducing the Harm caused by Gambling

In response to the query for further information on the Casey planning and licencing case-study cited, the following article provides comprehensive detail on the legal and regulatory process - <https://fare.org.au/public-health-arguments-in-planning-and-licensing-appeal-processes/>

In response to the further question of “Have local governments seen any impact on harm minimisation of liquor and gambling from the implementation of VAGO recommendations made to the VCGLR (now VGCCC, and VLC)? If so, what are they?”, our understanding is that recent decisions by the VGCCC referenced by the Commission in their evidence have been developed with conditions responding to the views of councils. Certainly representatives from both new entities have been seeking engagement with councils with a view to working collaboratively to understand local conditions leading to harm reduction, which is very welcome.