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ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE CROWN CASINO*Some thoughts from the Confidential Communities of Victoria*

This document offers some perspectives and contributions from the Confidential Communities of Melbourne, in regards to the current investigation of Crown Casino. The Confidential population in Victoria currently makes up 0.06% of the entire population.

The following stories and data was collected/collated by Confidential² over a 7-day period, from May 21st to 28th, 2021.

Quick Survey: Is Crown Casino fit to hold a license?

The survey was shared publicly to Confidential community members via email and social media Confidential. **The survey was filled out by 65 members of the Confidential community.** Here are the findings –

Survey Respondents are from the following age groups:

Age Group	Number of Respondents
Young person (under 21 years old)	1
Aged between 22 - 45 years old	58
Aged between 46 - 64 years old	6
Aged 65 years old and over	0

Identify as the following genders:

Gender	Number of Respondents
Male	19
Female	44
Non-Binary	2

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Reside in the following local government areas:

Local Government Area	Number of Respondents
Hume	5
Brimbank	8
Wyndham	14
Melton	10
Casey	4
Hobsons Bay	3
Port Phillip	1
Maribyrnong	2
Whittlesea	4
Melbourne	4
Greater Dandenong	2
Moonee Valley	3
Moreland	1
Yarra	2
Frankston	1
Darebin	1

The top 4 local government areas are Wyndham, Melton, Brimbank and Hume. These areas hold a large percentage of the Confidential population in Victoria.

Four questions were asked and answered in the following way:

Qu 1. Do you think that Crown Casino operates in our community's best interest?

Answer	Number of Respondents
YES	5
NO	45
NOT SURE	14
Other	1

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45 people answered NO, 5 people said YES, 14 answered NOT SURE, and 1 person wrote a conditional answer "only if people go there to gamble responsibly".

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Qu 2. Is Crown Casino a safe place for you?

Answer	Number of Respondents
YES	23
NO	30
NOT SURE	12

30 people answered NO, 23 people said YES, and 12 answered NOT SURE.

Qu 3. Is Crown Casino acting appropriately in ensuring gambling safety for our people?

Answer	Number of Respondents
YES	3
NO	42
NOT SURE	20

42 people answered NO, 3 people said YES, and 20 answered NOT SURE.

Qu 4. Is Crown Casino fit to hold a license to operate a casino?

Answer	Number of Respondents
YES	11
NO	34
NOT SURE	20

34 people answered NO, 11 people said YES, and 20 answered NOT SURE.

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Over the past 7 days, discussions were conducted with those members of the community who wanted to contribute their personal experiences with Crown Casino.

1. One member of the community felt that Crown Casino is not the first choice for those who want to go pokies. It is more common for Confidential people to visit their local pokies venues as Crown is too far, city-based and not viewed as a safe place for our community to frequent.
2. One member of the community, who has worked in the security industry for many decades, has heard many stories of illegal dealing being conducted at the Crown Casino and that unfortunately, our Confidential men are used as “muscle” for loan sharks who prey on the vulnerable gamblers.
3. One member of the community expressed her concern that Crown Casino is too big a giant for vulnerable gamblers from our communities to win against. She experienced dangerously risky gambling behavior for many years at Crown Casino and was able to fight her way out of it, but can see that many of our community members – who gamble – can easily fall prey to Crown especially as there are so many people there, those who encourage gambling and no real help for those who need it.
4. One member of the community said that although our people visited their local pokies more often than Crown, she believed that Crown plays a big part in glorifying gambling, with it’s attractive features and advertisements. She is grateful that our people largely live outside of the city area and in the outer suburbs.

Thank you.

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