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Subject Royal Commission into Crown Melbourne

Dear Commissioner Ray Finklestein

I am writing to the Royal to give evidence of my visits to Crown Casino during 2016. I am an ex serviceman and have served 2 tours of duty to both East Timor and Afghanistan. I served Australia in the Armed Forces for 10 years. I was medically retired in 2017 due to PTSD Anxiety and depression as a result of my combat experiences from deployments in war zones. I was admitted to a psychiatric facility due to my mental state. At that time I advised the medical staff that I had excessive use of Alcohol prescription medication and a severe gambling problem.

During 2016 I was in a state of psychological depression resulting from PTSD. I visited Crown Casino Melbourne on 3 occasions in 2016.

On each occasion I stayed with friends in the Hotel at Crown Casino. On these visits we would go to the Gambling rooms at the Crown while under the influence of Alcohol and Medications and Drugs including Cocaine.

We would spend 8 to 10 hours in the casino.

At no point was I or any of my friends approached by any staff member to check that we are OK or in need of help.

On each occasion that I visited Crown Melbourne I spent \$4,000.

My life has been completely changed due to Gambling. The one thing that I now hold on to that is the great positive in my life is my girlfriend and my baby.

I thank you for reading part of my story.

Yours sincerely