

HOW TO RUN AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST POKIES

REDUCING HARM FROM GAMBLING

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SERIOUS + **PREVALENT** + **PREVENTABLE**

A GET INFORMED

1. Get a copy of the planning application from your local council
2. Find out when your council will be making a decision
3. Look at the applications for a license or the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) www.vcglr.vic.gov.au
4. Find out more about existing venues and leases in your area www.vcglr.vic.gov.au

B GET HELP

1. The **Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA)** can talk you through relevant processes and put you in touch with useful partners. info@vlga.org.au or **9349 7999**
2. The **Gambling Information Resource Office (GIRO)** at the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation can provide research and data which could help you build your case.
3. **VLGA can help you find speakers** who have been personally harmed by gambling to talk to your community.
4. The **Alliance for Gambling Reform** can help you with on-line organising tools and contacts in your area.

There is **no cost** to access these supports.

C GET ACTIVE

1. Talk to friends, neighbours, school parents, etc
2. Create a facebook page and get discussion happening on-line
3. Speak to the local paper
4. Find allies
5. Hold a community meeting and build support

D GET GOING!

1. Put in objections to Council
2. Send submissions into VCLGR contact@vcglr.vic.gov.au or via website
3. Contact councillors and members of parliament
4. Make a community video to document opposition to the pokies application

POKIES - THE PROCESS

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 Pubs and clubs must apply for **BOTH** a Licence and a Planning Permit

KEY

-  best opportunity for community input
-  important dates
-  Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulations (VCGLR)
-  Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)

