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The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria
Parliament House
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Dear Premier

I write to inform you that the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation's recommendation to renew Crown's licence is unsound and should be set aside.

The VCGLR's recommendation is without merit because there remain a number of unresolved investigations and unaddressed allegations concerning Crown. Until these are remedied, the Commission is incapable of providing competent advice to the Victorian State Government regarding Crown's licence to operate a casino.

In the Australian Parliament on 20 April, and earlier on 18 October 2017, I revealed a number of serious allegations against Crown. The situation with each of them is as follows:

- **Use of blanking buttons to illegally modify poker machines.** Allegation found to be correct by VCGLR and Crown fined \$300,000.
- **Use of plastic picks to illegally modify poker machines.** VCGLR inquiry ongoing.
- **Use of multiple loyalty cards to allow simultaneous play on multiple poker machines.** VCGLR inquiry ongoing.
- **Domestic violence.** Not investigated by VCGLR because, the Commission claims, there are no corroborating Victoria Police or Crown reports, and because the Commission feels that Crown's response to misconduct in the hotel areas is not relevant to whether or not Crown is a fit and proper operator of a casino.
- **Illegal drug use.** Not investigated by VCGLR because, the Commission claims, there are no corroborating Victoria Police or Crown reports, and because the Commission feels that Crown's response to misconduct in the hotel areas is not relevant to whether or not Crown is a fit and proper operator of a casino.
- **Money laundering.** Not investigated by VCGLR because the Commission's view is that this is a matter for other agencies such as AUSTRAC.

This is obviously a damning list and one that is set to grow as more whistleblowers emerge with allegations of wrongdoing. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters in person, as well share my observations regarding the VCGLR and Victoria Police.

Yours sincerely

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cc The Hon Matthew Guy MP, Leader of the Opposition
The Hon Robert Redlich QC, Commissioner of IBAC