

STATEMENT.

The conclusions of the Convention are:-

1. The incidence of gambling in Australian society is producing a steady increase in personal and social distress.
2. Compulsive gambling is a condition to which people are subject and from which it is difficult to escape without help.
3. In more and more cases this is leading to a destruction of personality and life for the person concerned and acute suffering for family, friends and business associates.
4. There is no need for any compulsive gambler to continue suffering, because help is available through individual or group therapy from Life Line (33-4141) 24 hours a day; and from Gamblers Anonymous (525-3790) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or Box 994, G.P.O., Sydney.
5. The community, Government, medical profession, educational authorities, social workers and religious and welfare bodies should develop a greater awareness of the nature and extent of compulsive and problem gambling and of the social problems arising therefrom.
6. Any legislation designed to control gambling should:-
 - (a) Aim to keep out the criminal element.
 - (b) Be enforceable and enforced.
 - (c) Aim to prevent gambling from becoming too dominant an element in society.
 - (d) Be directed towards the alleviation of distress rather than the achievement of economic returns for the Government.
7. The development of Australia and the needs of the work require productive risk taking in research and the development of natural and human resources rather than the dissipation of resources through gambling.

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