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Hon Meg Webb MLC Independent Member for Nelson Legislative Council

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Attention: Justin Meeker

Dear Ms Webb

Right to Information (RTI) application - Future of Gaming in Tasmania

I refer to your request for information under the Right to Information Act 2009 (RTI Act) dated 14 October 2020, received by Treasury on 28 October 2020, seeking:

"Please provide all received public submissions to the Future of Gaming in Tasmania - Public Consultation Paper February 2020.

In making this request, I note the public consultation paper provided for this process states the Department will treat submissions as public in the absence of any clear indication that a submission be treated as confidential in whole or in part. As such, I am only seeking those submissions (whole and/or in part) which would be classified as warranting 'public' treatment consistent with established departmental practice'

Section 17 of the RTI Act provides:

- (1) A public authority or a Minister may defer providing information if
 - (a) a decision has been made before receipt of the application for assessed disclosure of information that the information will be disclosed as a required disclosure or routine disclosure of information within a period of time specified by the public authority or Minister but not exceeding 12 months from the date of the application.

As stated in Treasury's Future of Gaming in Tasmania - Public Consultation Paper 2020, the information you have requested in your RTI application is intended to be published on Treasury's website www.gaming.tas.gov.au once consideration of the submissions has concluded.

I therefore defer the provision of the information in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the RTI Act.

Review

Should you wish to lodge an application for an internal review of my decision, you may do so under section 43 of the RTI Act. An application for review must be made in writing within 20 working days of receipt of this letter. You will be taken to have received this letter via email on the date of this letter.

Should you have any queries or require any further information regarding this matter, I can be contacted on (03) 6166 4434 or by email to rti@treasury.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Phoebe Sharman Delegated RTI Officer

25 November 2020