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Rev Stu Cameron  
CEO and Gambling Reform Advocate  
Wesley Mission

Dear Rev Cameron

### **Civil Society Organisations 2023 State Election Platform**

I refer to Wesley Mission's "Put pokies in their place" 2023 state election campaign outlining the reforms needed to reduce devastating gambling harm.

I have heard from constituents from various walks of life who have been impacted by a loved one's gambling addiction and I have been committed to addressing gambling harm since I was elected. I am one of the few members who is not afraid to stand up and speak out against gambling harms caused by gambling reliant business models in clubs, pubs and casinos and have been working with colleagues from across the political divide to build support for reform.

I am proud of the recent achievements we made together to get a gambling harm advisory committee in the NSW Independent Casino Commission, bring forward cashless gaming cards in casinos to two years, require money-laundering training for all casino staff and strengthen obligations on casinos to exclude problem gamblers. I also believe that our work together to oppose plans to introduce facial recognition technology and third party exclusions in clubs at the same time that the NSW Crime Commission released its report into money laundering has ensured that gambling reform will remain on the agenda for the upcoming election.

If I am re-elected, I am committed to working to progress the reforms you have outlined in your platform. My pledge to push for a universal cashless gambling card with built-in harm reduction restrictions including links to a state-wide exclusion register have been well publicised. If the next government fails to introduce the needed reform, I will introduce my own legislation. I also agree with your calls to turn off poker machines after midnight, give councils the opportunity to make submissions against increased numbers of machines at venues and appeal Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority decisions, and for mandatory publication of detailed gaming machine data by venue.

The strong public response to our calls for cashless gaming shows that the community is ready for electronic gaming reform. I hope to work with you to progress these important matters.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**

