HOW TO RUN AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST POKIES

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.

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 VCGLR 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

There is no cost to access these supports.
POKIES - THE PROCESS

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

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

**POKIES OR CLUB WANTS POKIES**

**APPLY**

**LICENCE**

- **VCGLR hearing date**
  - **YES Licence**
    - Council appeal
  - **NO Licence**
    - Pub/Club appeal

**DECISION**

- **No appeal**
- **Council appeal**
- **Pub/Club appeal**

**VCAT**

- **NO Licence**
- **YES Licence**

**APPROVAL IS ACHIEVED WITH THIS LICENCE AFTER A PERMIT HAS ALSO BEEN OBTAINED**

**NO POKIES**

**PLANNING PERMIT**

- **COUNCIL**
  - **Council meeting**
    - **NO Permit**
      - Pub/Club appeal
    - **YES Permit**
      - **Community members appeal within 2 weeks of Council’s decision**
        - **NO appeal**
        - **submit Statement of Grounds**

**DECISION**

- **NO appeal**
- **Pub/Club appeal**
- **hearing scheduled**

**VCAT**

- **NO Permit**
- **YES Permit**

**APPROVAL IS ACHIEVED WITH THIS PERMIT AFTER A LICENCE HAS ALSO BEEN OBTAINED**

- **NO POKIES**

**PUB OR CLUB WANTS POKIES**

**APPLY**

- **make an objection to the VCGLR**
- **make an objection to Council/lobby councillors**