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EAST COAST BAYS RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION GAMING MACHINES RELOCATION

I have been asked to provide a letter of support for the proposed relocation of the East Coast Bays Returned and Services Association (ECB RSA) gaming machines to the Browns Bay Bowling Club (BBBC).

The Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association fully support the relocation of these gaming machines and see it as a positive step towards retaining a strong and sustainable RSA. This club not only provides a place for serving and ex service personnel to socialise with their comrades and others, it is also a central hub for the wide range of support and welfare that the RSA provides in the East Coast Bays area.

The sale of the existing building which led to the relocation plan, was largely in response to the considerable damage inflicted on the RSA building by a large fire in May 2015. The relocation of the RSA to the BBBC also fits in well with the long term objective of establishing a community hub in the Browns Bay area, which will provide significant benefits to the local community.

The family oriented nature of the RSA and the strict supervision imposed, means that gaming harm is at a minimum. The proceeds of these gaming machines will enhance the viability of the RSA and through this, benefit the community.

It is requested that the Auckland Council consider this application by the ECB RSA in a favourable light. The relocation to the BBBC and eventual establishment of the community hub will provide significant benefit to the local community. The viability of this proposal will be enhanced by the revenue from the gaming machines.

Yours sincerely

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