

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2009

Victoria

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Approved Project Title **The Impact of the Introduction of Electronic Gaming Machines on Communities: Health and Wellbeing Consequences**

2009 : \$ 50,000

2010 : \$ 50,000

2011 : \$ 50,000

Primary RFCD 3701 SOCIOLOGY

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Victorian Local Governance Association

Administering Organisation University of Ballarat

Project Summary

The long-term economic and social impact of EGMs is of great importance to Australia. Gambling is a major industry in Australia, with over 7,000 businesses generating profits in excess of \$16 billion annually. Poker machines account for more than half the total revenue collected from all gambling. On the other hand, there are over 290,000 adults in Australia who are experiencing significant problems with their gambling, and on average, the lives of six other people are adversely affected by every problem gambler. This project will inform regulatory frameworks to balance the costs and benefits of gambling. The findings will be used by local governments and regulatory authorities.