



27 July 2018

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

By email to: ec.sen@aph.gov.au / web upload

Dear Committee Secretary,

**Re: Parliament of Australia
Senate Committee
Inquiry into the extent to which gaming micro-transactions for chance-based items, sometimes referred to as 'loot boxes', may be harmful

Submission by way of letter of in principle support of the submission made by the Interactive Games & Entertainment Association (IGEA)**

The Esports Games Association Australia Limited ACN 624 508 845 (**EGAA**) is a newly incorporated body working with members from all stakeholders in the Australian esports industry on issues of mutual interest and importance. Our mission is to act for members to further professionalise and better self-regulate esports in Australia.

One key area of interest for our members is the approach to gambling on esports and any related impacts to integrity. In that regard, we have established a dedicated panel, the 'EGAA Gambling and Integrity Panel'. This panel is headed up by our Board Member, David Harris and co-led by gambling and entertainment law expert, Julian Hoskins, and sports integrity expert, Iain Roy.

Broadly, the EGAA works closely with and supports the overall mission of the IGEA, with a specific example being the involvement of the EGAA Gambling and Integrity Panel's review of and minor assistance with the IGEA's submission to the Senate Committee in relation to its inquiry (noted above).

By way of submission, the EGAA is, in principle, supportive of the IGEA's submission.

Further, we would be happy to work with and assist the IGEA on the provision of any further information in support of its submission, including attending any Senate hearing, so as to better assist your Committee in its inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information, clarification, or assistance.

Yours faithfully,

David Harris
Director, EGAA

Julian Hoskins
Co-leader, EGAA Gambling & Integrity Panel

On behalf of the EGAA Board:

Nick Vanzetti, Chair and Director
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