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Senator Xenophon to address Gaming Conference

Independent Senator for South Australia Nick Xenophon will address the Gaming Conference at the Australasian Gaming Expo on 24-26 August 2008, according to the Australasian Gaming Machine Manufacturers Association ("AGMMA").

"We're pleased that Senator Xenophon has accepted our invitation" said AGMMA's Chief Executive Officer, Ross Ferrar. "Whilst his views are often controversial, a clear understanding of Senator Xenophon's perspectives is in the interests of the conference audience and industry generally.

"Senator Xenophon will address the conference on Sunday 24 August, just 2 days before the first sitting of the new Senate term. We anticipate his presentation will provide us with clearer insights of what various approaches might involve and what their implications are for the future.

"Immediately following Senator Xenophon's address, a panel of experts will consider his comments along with interpretations of available research and education" said Ferrar. The panel includes Chris Downy (Executive Director of the Australasian Casino Association), Cheryl Vardon (CEO, Australasian Gaming Council), Francis Wevers (CEO, Charity Gaming Association of New Zealand) and eminent psychiatrist and gambling research authority Dr Clive Allcock.

"We anticipate a lively debate, as all four panellists have immediate access to relevant facts and all four are known to hold strong views on a range of topics. I have no doubt that Senator Xenophon's views will ignite lively discussion among the panellists and among conference delegates."

The Australasian Gaming Expo, now in its 19th year, is renowned as the region's premier annual gaming occasion for the Hospitality Industry. Comprising a trade exhibition and the Gaming Conference, the event is held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Entry to both the trade exhibition and the Gaming Conference is complimentary for representatives of Gaming Industry Organisations.

"We hope Senator Xenophon will also be able to visit the trade exhibition, where 200 exhibitors will showcase the latest and best in hospitality products and services" said Ferrar. "In particular, we'd like to demonstrate the sincerity with which suppliers are addressing various issues and the effort and expertise being applied to the task."

Further information about the Australasian Gaming Expo is available at www.austgamingexpo.com

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