

FACILITATING COMMUNITY ACTION IN THE DECISION- MAKING PROCESS OF POKER MACHINES APPLICATIONS

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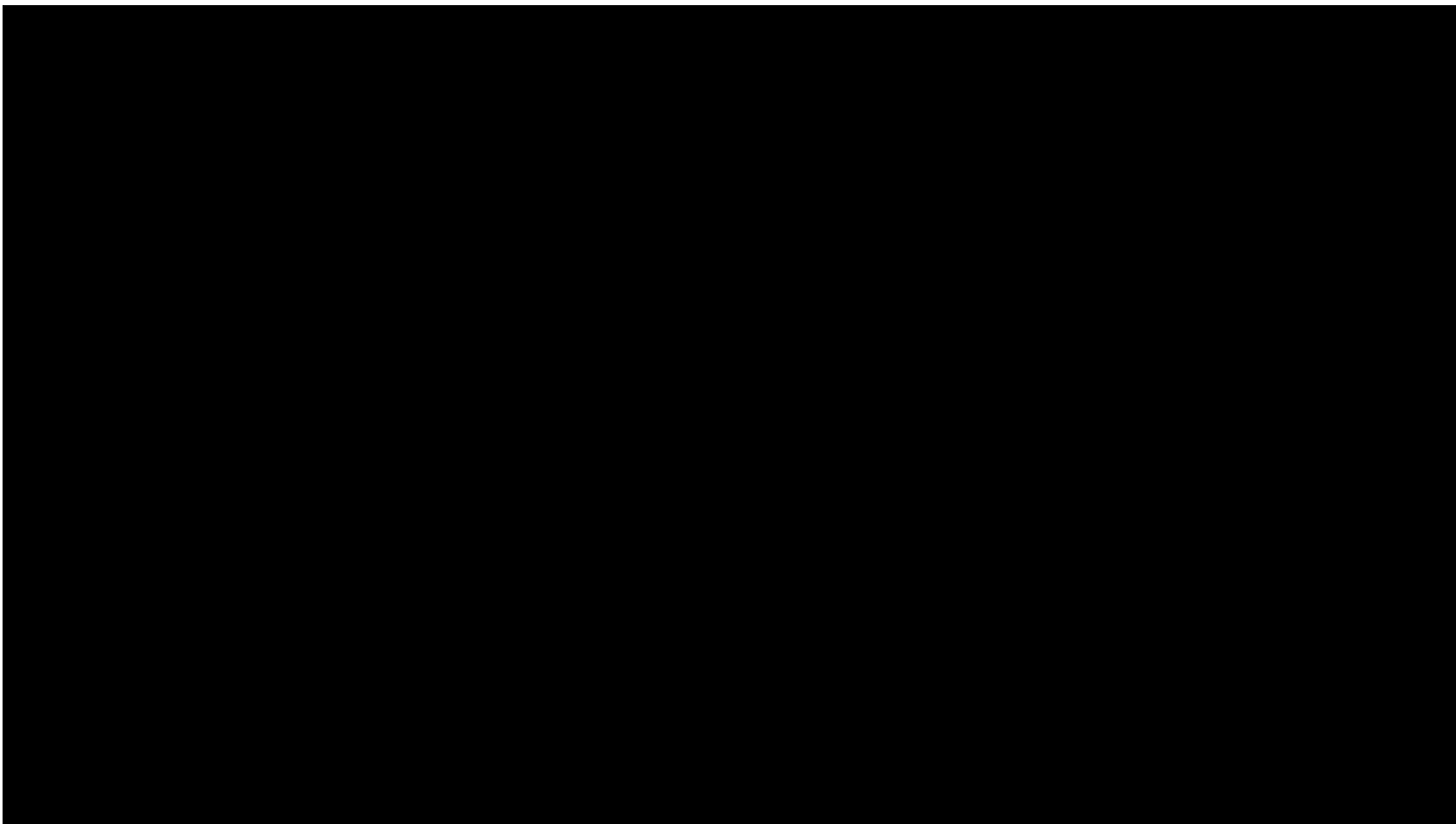
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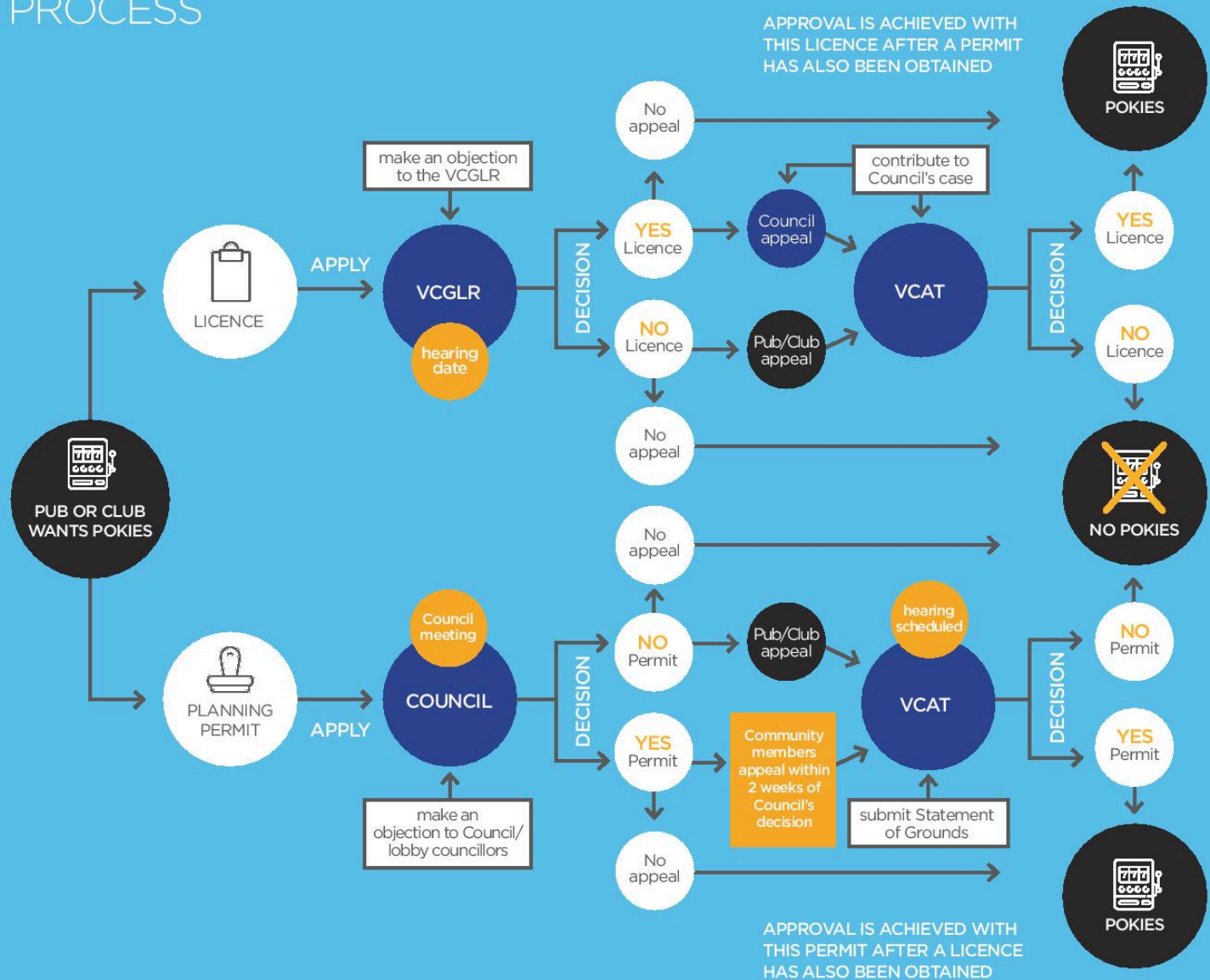
POKIES - THE PROCESS



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

KEY

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



CASE STUDY: OFFICER, CARDINIA SHIRE

A mobilisation of community members in Officer lead to dozens of hand written letters, petition signatures, community video, joint letters, hundreds of conversations and two community meetings.

Community champions were at VCAT and the VCGLR, some even presented at both!



HOW TO WRITE A SUBMISSION

- VCGLR website run through, click [here](#).
- VCAT – Statement of Grounds

The Commission knows that most Victorians have a negative view of poker machines. It is therefore critical submissions go beyond that and look at how the specific application has the potential to lead to further harm to the community.

See your 'Tips on writing a meaningful submission' handout for more information.



WRITING A SUBMISSION ON A CURRENT APPLICATION

- **Current VCGLR applications in:**
 - Pakenham (Castello's Cardinia Hotel +20)
 - Leopold in Geelong (Sportmans Club +7)
 - Dandenong RSL (+11)
 - Altona RSL (Hobsons Bay +22)
 - Geelong RSL (+30)
- **Current VCAT appeals:**
 - Officer Hotel (Cardinia +80)
 - License Reference Number: P1063/2018
 - Darebin RSL (+15)
 - License Reference Number: P1234/ 2018
 - Planning permit Reference Number: P724/2018

QUESTION S?

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