



**INDEPENDENT FOR KAWANA**

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### **Casino on the Sunshine Coast well worth the gamble**

Independent candidate for Kawana, Jeremy Davey, has today said that the Sunshine Coast should be the very first Queensland centre considered for an additional casino licence. His call comes after One Nation Federal Senator Pauline Hanson recently suggested Great Keppel Island and earlier suggestions from Katter's Australian Party that Charleville should be considered.

Mr Davey asserts that licence conditions could be implemented to ensure that the casino is a more boutique operation like those found in overseas destinations such as Monaco and not a glittering gathering place for 'gangster wannabes'.

"I'm suggesting such an establishment could be positioned around the North Shore resort area and be a single storey establishment that offered a limited number of gaming tables the exclusive use for the high end punter.

"I'm not suggesting a casino that burns your eyes out with flashing neon lights, numerous slot machines and techno nightclubs that encourage people like the Underbelly wannabes to hang around the establishment all night spruiking on about cash they don't actually have," Mr Davey quipped.

The Independent candidate strongly dismissed concerns that such a casino would increase problem gambling on the Sunshine Coast.

"Anyone that wants to argue that point need just visit one of the many local pubs that offer late night trading and free food and snacks in their slot machine rooms and see how they run their operations; it's a crap argument that I won't accept. It is the suburban pub pokies that are openly targeting addicts and causing social gambling problems on the Coast," Mr Davey said.

Mr Davey said that a boutique casino would bring local jobs, support local industry and ensure that exclusive 5 star accommodation and facilities like the former Hyatt Coolum Resort were returned and maintained in the area.

"It would be a win-win for the Sunshine Coast," Mr Davey said.

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