

How well have the public been protected by central or local government?

- [SkyCity's gambling activities](#) were never in the interests of the [public's wellbeing](#), and the [Problem Gambling Foundation](#) felt gagged on the subject.
- A 2012 [inquiry into the Government's decision](#) to negotiate with SkyCity about a convention centre found a number of flaws and insufficient attention to planning and management.
- The environment court forced the council to approve [excessive parking](#) for SkyCity's convention centre.
- In a climate emergency, awareness is growing that it's the poorer people who have the least opportunities for adaptation to climate change. Wasteful carbon use therefore, such as fly in - fly out attendance at conventions in one of the most farflung cities of the world, is inequitable. Allowing a convention centre to be built is thus controversial.
- Public opinion wasn't helped by last year's [convention centre fire](#).
- Throughout all this, Council has failed to enforce the basic, decent maintenance of the bus terminal facilities which would have gone some way towards mitigating SkyCity's activities.