

# The Royal Commission's findings

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Newspaper story that reads: Chinese in Sydney. Sydney February 4. Some time ago a commission was appointed to enquire into the alleged gambling and immoralities carried on by Chinese in Sydney, and also to enquire into the alleged bribery or misconduct of the police in relation thereto. The report of the commission presented to the Assembly to-day shows that gambling exists to a very large extent amongst the Chinese of the city. Out of a Chinese population of 3,500 in the city and suburbs, 700 practically subsist upon the proceeds of gambling, while a good many Chinese tradesmen, &c, are partners or interested in the gambling syndicates. After dealing with the methods of gambling employed by the Chinese and the evil arising therefrom to Europeans and the Chinese themselves the report adds:—"At the same time your commissioners have no hesitation in saying that Chinese gambling is trifling in every respect compared with the gambling practiced in Sydney in consultations and-by the totalizator, and that Chinese rambling already shows signs of diminution." With regard to immorality amongst the Chinese the report states that there is no ground for suspicion that the seduction of young girls is now, as formerly, carried on by the Chinese. On the other hand there are a large number of European women living with the Chinese. Some are mere girls, bat most are those who have been driven to this life by the brutality of men of their own race, or who have lost caste by one reason or other. Opium smoking is reported to exist to a large extent amongst the Chinese, and also amongst the women who habitually live with them. With reference to the charges of bribery against the police the commission found that they were groundless. The commissioners affixed to their report certain recommendations for suppressing gambling and opium smoking, and improving the sanitary condition of Chinese dwellings.

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