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Dear Members of the Committee,

I am in favour of removing these insidious machines from our pubs and clubs. If it were up to me they would be removed from casinos as well.

I have seen first-hand the devastation that pokies cause people. My dear old nana, who had not so much as bet on the Melbourne Cup in her entire life, became addicted to these things. In the end, at over 80 years of age, she would feed these machines instead of herself. The last years of her life were consumed by her addiction for these things.

Pokies take money away from where we need it most. Our sporting clubs, our businesses, our friends, our families. They affect everyone and everything but especially the most vulnerable in our society. They are disguised as 'entertainment' but we all know they take food and clothing away from children, they prey on the depressed and lonely, and they can lead people to despair and ultimately suicide. They are designed to addict with no hope of anyone winning in the end. The money the Government gets from Pokies is a drop in the ocean when compared to the harm they cause to our society.

Please watch the documentary on Pokies – Ka-Ching! Pokie Nation. If you already, have watch it again and again. Everyone should see this, especially you people before they get hooked.

Come on Tassie we can do better than this!

Yours sincerely, Jenny Archer

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