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**Subject:** Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Future Gaming Markets

Dear Members of the Committee,

I submit that poker machines not only have caused, by their addictive technology, financial ruin and emotional dismay for a socially unacceptable percentage of those who use them, but as well, the owners of these wallet bandits are also under the addictive spell of easy income. Using these "cash cows" to create financial surpluses is a lazy and from my mind an immoral way to operate a business. The pubs and hotels in Glenorchy for example have very little to offer people who aren't wanting to play the poker machines and what community benefits are there? Nil! I believe that if poker machines were removed from community pubs, hotels and clubs the owners & managers would be forced to be much more creative in providing attractions of community benefit for locals. Restricting poker machines to Casinos alters the easy local access for problem gamblers thus this would result in a reduction of temptation therefore a reduction in the problems created by poker machine use. Also, remov

ing poker machines from regional communities would leave more local money in those communities to be potentially spent locally and retained locally for local community benefit.

Yours sincerely, John Maginnis

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