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Dear Members of the Committee,

I have spent my working life working for the people in our community who have a lot less education, a lot less ability to have carriage over any of their destiny, but are every bit as deserving as you and me.

Poker machines are designed to be money making ventures. They have massive economic resources to market, using excellent advertising and promotional techniques which seduce far too many vulnerable people into over committing their income to be thrown away. We know the reasons people begin gambling are myriad from social enjoyment to hope for a win to fix an already urgent financial situation. The reasons people continue gambling are well known by the merchants involved in poker machines. You are talking of wealth in the order of the James Packers with the promotional resources available to them pitted against ordinary folk. We are fully aware of how greatly these machines are fixed to ensure massive profits to those who provide the chain of businesses involved in gambling. People might as well set fire to their money and pick out the coins at the end of the conflagration, that would be the % of funds left after being caught in the hell of gambling addiction.

We are actively allowing this harm to our fellow citizens.

Gambling addiction is not the preserve of people on fixed incomes who suffer because of this addiction, it is much more than the benign name "problem gambling" It affects whole families and whole communities.

Yes it does provide the much needed funds of the TCF but that pittance compared to profit does not justify the pain caused.

Lets make Tasmania the place tourists can come to enjoy a poker machine free environment, lets make this one of our points of difference. Make it a place where people can come and spend their money on our fine food, accommodation and gastro and agritourism - lets rid ourselves of this menace and make ourselves the nation's leaders.

Yours sincerely, jenny gee

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