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

Dear Members of the Committee,

I don't want to see any more pokies in fact any poker machines in venues around Glenorchy. My mother has an addiction to them and every time she can she sneaks off to the Elwick Hotel and spends all day there.

My mother is in her late 80S has some dementia and is a very stubborn person and when the family speaks to her about poker machines she just goes clean off or try's to change the subject. She just keeps saying I need something to do so I go up town namely Glenorchy.

Many times one of the family has gone to the Elwick to get here away from the machines and when you look around at the amount of elderly people on the machines it is a shame to see them just feeding those machines and losing money. I don't think the sound of the machines when you get a very small win say 40 cents helps the situation, just makes them play more.

My sisters have tried all sorts of ways to keep her occupied such as attending crafts ect but she has no interest with this just wants to play the machines. My mother has not been back to the crafts and meeting people her own age, when they go to pick her up she has left her unit at Goodwood she has caught a bus to Glenorchy and fronts up on the machines. Also with the nurses who come to shower her she just disappears and heads to Glenorchy to avoid them.

We have spoken to her about the dangers of possible bag snatching, getting bashed / robbed but this does not deter her.

My mother would be just one of the elderly who has an addition to the machines so please consider this as just one person / family who would like to see the machines removed in venues so the aged person can live off the pension and not put it through the machines.

Keep the pokies where they belong at the casino and not all around the suburbs to stop addictive gambling.

Yours sincerely, Paul McLean

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