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Dear Members of the Committee, On a purely selfish level, I would like to see pokies gone as they take over and spoil the ambience of clubs and pubs. However this is minor, compared to the damage these machines do to families and individuals. You do not need to be addicted to take out too much of the family budget to harm children's educational and social needs. Addiction can lead to crime and a downward spiral for the addict. You only have to walk through these places to see the blank faces pressing buttons without even looking at the result of the draw. Initially, in NSW, clubs petitioned for pokies and promised a wealth of facilities and entertainment for members and their families. The public succumbed and they have become the inevitable norm. I doubt too many of the local pubs and clubs are providing sporting activities and high class entertainment these days. It's just down to the addiction of their patrons and the governments who get easy money from these machines. Yours sincerely, Geraldine Donnelly

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