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Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Future Gaming Markets

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am a person who has held a number of positions within the community, including as a Police Officer in South Australia prior to relocating to Tasmania 5 years ago. I have seen first hand the effect of poker machines on many families, and all too often it seems to be that those who can least afford it are the most severely affected.

I have seen people commit theft to feed a poker addiction, and I've also seen many people lining up at pubs and clubs in Adelaide waiting for the doors to open in the morning to get a cheap meal (as an added inducement to come in) and then spend the day losing their pensions.

I am not in favour of the total banning of these devices, as I believe we live in a society where adults can make a choice about how to spend their money. However their placement in so many venues is in my opinion having a very negative impact on our society and I would therefore like to add my vote that they be confined to licensed casinos only.

This would reduce the number of machines overall, and also enable tighter control and monitoring of those individuals who are problem gamblers. I also believe it would redress the financial harm which is being caused by these machines diverting so much money away from other businesses and charities etc.

Thanks you for your thoughtful consideration of my comments.

Yours sincerely, Kenneth Puccetti

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