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

Dear Members of the Committee,

I wish to submit to the enquiry why I think that poker machines should be removed from our society.

They are designed to benefit the owner of the machines and the government has now become addicted to the money that they receive from gambling. It is known that the people who frequent gambling venues are the ones least able to afford 'a flutter'. Also, the statistics only show up the people who have been broken by gambling. The nature of poker machine users is to gamble frequently, using money that should be spent on their families, on housing, food and health. This keeps people poor yet still under the radar. Partners have to work extra hours and juggle the finances to accommodate the addiction. What is known about gambling is only the tip of the iceberg.

I trust the enquiry to ask the hard questions and to take careful note of what is actually going on in our society with regards to gambling and especially poker machines.

Yours sincerely, Janet Stewart

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