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

Dear Members of the Committee,

I work in employment services with some of the most vulnerable people. I have seen first hand and listened to the stories of many whose lives have been crushed by easy access to poker machines. On one occasion we ended a program about Life Skills by taking a group of long term unemployed to a meal to celebrate and demonstrate to them that they had value. I was surprised by their response. As soon as we got to the hotel every member of the group went straight to the poker machines. (We hadn't considered this at all). One young man didn't have any ID and was not able to enter. Apart from sulking for the rest of the time, he was giving the few dollars he had to someone else to play for him. I have also listened to a mature age woman who is a responsible person share how she got addicted to poker machines. She said it cost her family a lot of hardship and ended her marriage.

Please be responsible and take some action.

Yours sincerely, Deborah Hergatt

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