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

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a resident of the Glenorchy municipality and as a concerned Tasmanian citizen.

Incredibly about \$200 million is lost to poker machines in Tasmania every year. It is a well known fact that poker machines are designed to addict and rigged to win.

I plead with you to act in the public interest and remove all poker machines from local communities.

Each poker machine in Glenorchy municipality takes \$74,496 from the community every year, a community that can least afford it. This amount is almost twice the average wage in Glenorchy.

The total annual losses in Glenorchy municipality is \$20.11 million, which calculates out to be an average loss per adult of \$584.

The Tasmanian Council of Social Services estimates that more than 74,000 Tasmanians are living below the poverty line. Reducing the availability of poker machines in local communities is one way of limiting the damage to families.

I in 2 Tasmanians want poker machines removed completely from hotels and clubs. I believe that poker machines should only be available in casinos.

84% of Tasmanians agree that the community does not benefit from having poker machines in hotels and clubs. It's time our parliamentarians listened to the concerns of Tasmanian people.

I encourage you to be bold and make decisions that are in the best interests of children, families and our community.

Please legislate to remove poker machines from community venues like pubs and clubs, and please make sure that poker machines that remain in casinos are properly regulated to be safe and fair.

Yours sincerely, Sonya de Lacey

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