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Dear Members of the Committee,

Poker machines are a blight on our social life. They destroy the ambience of pubs and clubs. They are designed to cause addiction and rigged to win. Every dollar spent on the pokies could be better spent in the community. It could buy good food, better clothing, movie tickets. It could contribute to supporting family and community life, it could aid struggling businesses. The money could be spent on the education of children. Every hour spent in front of a poker machine could be better spent. Pokies are a lousy, life destroying menace, that target the weak and gullible and focus in a cynical fashion on poorer communities, those who can least afford this immoral predation. It is in fact a form of theft from the poorer, gullible and more vulnerable members of society. Who benefits? Not people in local communities, such as Glenorchy.

It should be vital for the self respect of government members that they heed the wishes of the great majority of Tasmanians and get rid of this blight. They should NOT be in community venues like pubs and clubs, and should be properly regulated to be safe and fair in our casinos.

Yours sincerely, Christine Wilson

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