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Dear Members of the Committee,

I cannot understand why the government has allowed, and continues to allow, the presence of so many pokie machines in Tasmania - especially allowing the siting of them in the very areas who can least afford to lose the large amounts of money involved. It seems to make no economic sense to me - the tax revenue must be more than outweighed by the losses and costs caused - loss of money spent in the local economy, bills not paid hurting other businesses and people, costs of services to deal with the poverty, debt, addiction and family distress and breakdown etc etc Not to mention the social harm.

I dislike the atmosphere in pubs with pokies and the anti social nature of people sitting in front of machines instead of socialising so I avoid such places. Those living in certain targeted suburbs will struggle to avoid them. I had a friend who was married to a gambling addict. The marriage broke down, my friend lost her home and her son lost his dad. The repercussions were drastic and sad.

Please look at the whole picture and act wisely.

Thank you

Nicola Perkins

Yours sincerely, Nicola Perkins

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