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Joint Select Committee on Future Gaming Markets
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Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Future Gaming Markets from
Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania

Dear Secretary

I call on the Tasmanian Government to:

1. Remove poker machines from hotels and clubs.
2. Not increase the number of poker machines in the casinos and to impose on the machines in the casinos a maximum \$1 bet limit and a system that requires people to set an enforceable limit on their losses. Further, for it to be mandatory for staff to intervene where customers may be experiencing harm from poker machines.
3. Continue counselling and other support services for those harmed by gambling.
4. Support hotels and clubs that currently have poker machines to transition their business model.

I support this call because I believe:

- poker machines are a problem for the local community
- that pokers machines are addictive and harmful
- that money currently lost to poker machines would be better spent in my local community
- the \$200 million annually lost to poker machines in the Tasmanian community, around is outrageous
- there are plenty of other good things to do in our community besides gambling on poker machines
- that the Tasmanian Government is working hard to address other issues such as family violence, and children's safety. I understand that poker machines can contribute to relationship problems and family violence.

There are so many reasons to get rid of poker machines from our community and to restrict them to the casinos. Thanks for considering my views

Regards

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