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Dear Members of the Committee,

I work on a daily basis through the Community House with those living in the lower socio-economic community. Unfortunately, after ten years of familiarity with locals, I am regularly seeing first-hand the issues from gambling addiction as people affected feel more comfortable to mention it as “one of the reasons” they seek emergency help for food, electricity supply and sometimes fuel to attend court or hospital appointments. Addiction is rife, however many are under the illusion they are only trying to help themselves or their children by winning enough to get them the basics – food and small treats for them or their children and the money to payback the small loans their friends and family have given them to get through. We know it's a false hope, but often the people we work with do not, and the illusion they gamble under – that they can win – has to stop for a realistically better future.

Yours sincerely, Kate Beer

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