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Commissioner  
The Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission  
c/o Department of Treasury and Finance  
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Dear Commissioner

As a long-term advocate for gambling reform including mandatory pre-commitment, I am delighted to express my strong support for the Tasmanian Government's proposed mandatory cashless card system for electronic gaming machines ("poker machines").

Current arrangements for poker machines in Tasmania are taking a shocking human toll, with thousands of people losing more than they can afford. Too often the results include poverty, homelessness, relationship breakdown, ill health, crime and even suicide. The benefits of a mandatory-precommitment system are well-researched and will play an important step in addressing the terrible harm caused by gambling addiction in our community. Furthermore, a recent NSW Crime Commission's report found that enormous sums of dirty money are laundered through poker machines and the introduction of mandatory cashless pre-commitment cards for all machines is an essential reform to address this crime.

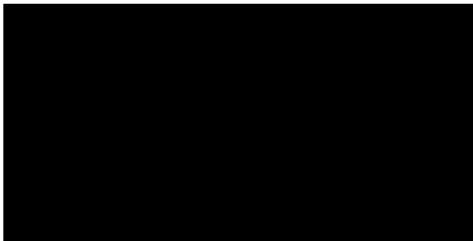
I agree:

1. with the proposed registration system and that player ID should be checked at every point of interaction with venues;
2. player activity statements should be mandatory, issued at least annually without any advertising or promotion, but including approved messages about the harm caused by gambling;
3. the default and threshold limit settings should be those proposed by the Commission with a 24-hour cooling off period for limit increase requests;
4. money loaded into a player account should be the maximum annual loss limit set by the player with a default of \$5,000, amounts loaded onto machines should also be limited, with an ID and exclusion status check done when a player collects funds;

5. the Commission should review the current Responsible Gambling Code of Practice to ensure the requirements for membership and loyalty schemes are consistent across all venues and match the purpose of the card-based system in minimising harm; and
6. the card should be linked to system-based exclusions so that it cannot be used when an exclusion is activated, either by the individual, venue or third party.

The system proposed by the Tasmanian Government would be the most significant reform yet to poker machines in Australia and must be introduced without further delay.

Yours sincerely



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