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The proposed move to cashless poker machines is essential in a civilised society in order to minimise problem gambling. I look back with horror –still –when Federal Hotels bought the 2018 election and the Premier, Wil Hodgman, was delighted at this hijacking of democracy. Gambling through machines that are deliberately deigned to cheat, to pay out much less than is put in, with bells and whistles designed to distract the player , even mislead them into thinking they are winning. The proposal accepts that there will be people addicted to gambling but at least this will lessen (if not minimise) the damage done. It might be noted that since Federal bought out any attempts to control pokies in 2018, over \$1 billion has been lost by the portion of the population who could least afford it, with homes broken, domestic violence up, depression and suicide looming. We must reverse that terrible trend – and I only wish that those responsible could be charged with deliberately creating a massive societal mischief.

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