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Attention: Future Gaming Market Project

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Dear Mr Ferrall

**SUBMISSION TO FUTURE GAMING MARKET CONSULTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Future Gaming Market Consultation process.

The future of the gaming market in Tasmania is an issue of importance to many people across the state.

It is important that we build a policy coalition on gaming – we need to work together to achieve reform, rather than focusing on more politics.

Last year I wrote to the then Treasurer, now Premier, seeking a commitment that the 30 machines from the Glenorchy RSL be permanently retired. I believe this is still imperative.

Below are the policy priorities I believe need to be addressed:

1. CSL funding should be managed under a new independent board, which meets contemporary governance standards. This includes a grant making process, investment targeted towards harm minimization programs and transparent reporting.
2. Social harm and problem gambling must be addressed in a more strategic way. Tighter bet limits, slower speed of the machines and the use of technology for exclusion are both able to be implemented now. A reconsideration of the geographic distribution of electronic gaming machines including suburb saturation levels is warranted. A voluntary exit scheme should be considered.
3. Future gaming challenges including online gaming must be addressed in a careful and considered way. Current policy and legislative development in this area lags behind industry and the global market.

I look forward to the outcomes of this consultation process and will continue to consult on the priorities I have outlined above.

Yours sincerely

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